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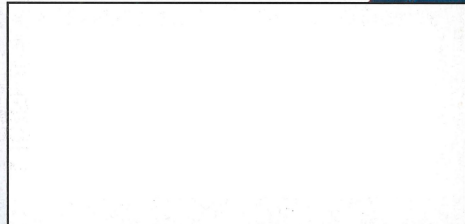
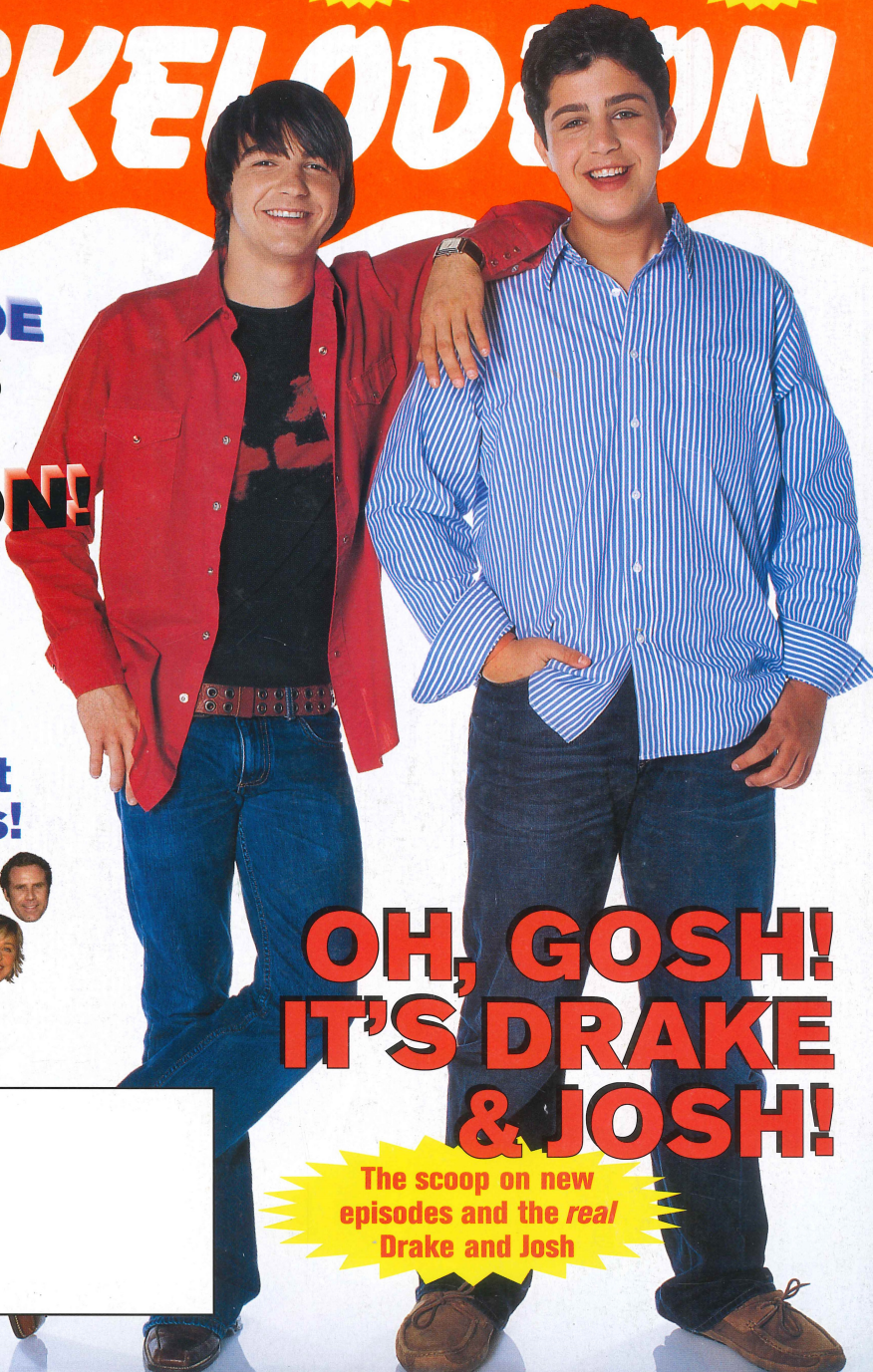
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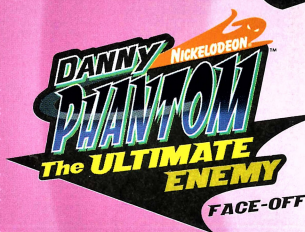
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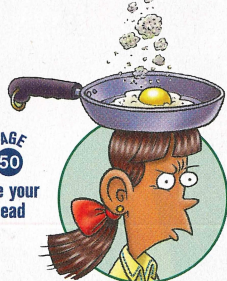
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When you see this **Real** it means the story is true. Honest.

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I'm Zelda Van Gutters, Nick Mag's roving reporter. You'll see me throughout the magazine. I graduated Phi Beta Nappa from obedience school.

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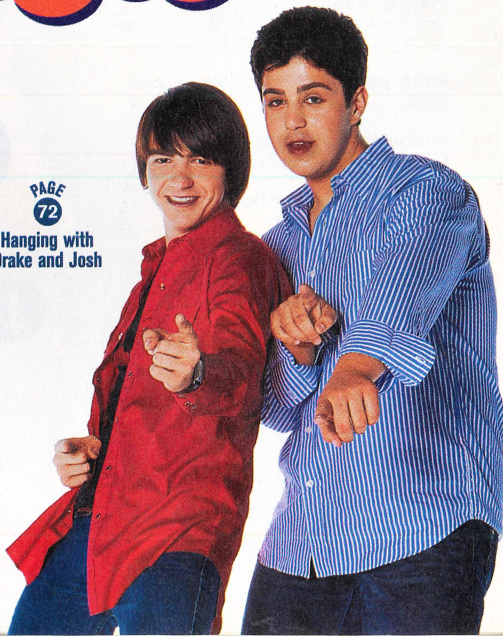
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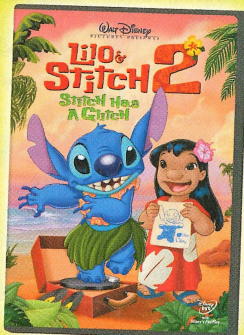


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Directions: Cut out both halves of the door hanger. Use one piece to trace out this shape on cardboard and cut that out. Glue the two sides to the opposite sides of the cardboard and allow the glue to dry. Then hang it on your bedroom door.



In this all-new movie, Stitch develops a "glitch" that makes him behave badly. Sometimes he tries really hard to be good, but other times, it's just better to give him some space! Cut out the two sides of the door hanger on this page and ask an adult to help you assemble it. Hang it on your bedroom door so... you can let everyone know how YOU are feeling today.

An All-New Movie On August 30

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INSIDE NICK

WHAT'S NEW ON NICKELODEON

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Danny Phantom: The Ultimate Enemy

Friday, September 16, at 8 PM

Danny may have lots of experience fighting off villains, but he's about to meet his ultimate match in this one-hour special. And starting on Monday, September 12, tune in for a weeklong countdown of Danny's 10 worst enemies through Thursday, September 15, in the *Baddest Bad Guys* marathon.

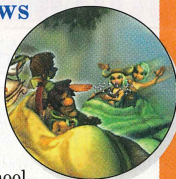


Nick News With Linda Ellerbee

Sunday, September 25, at 8:30 PM
Linda Ellerbee looks at Mexican-American migrant farm families, who move with the seasons to wherever they can find work. Linda talks with four kids from migrant families as school lets out and the work begins to move north.

Nick.com News

Check out the Tak 3 online racing game from the all-new Tak 3 video game.



Get ready for school with the Back-to-School site on nick.com, which includes a Slime-the-Teacher game, school supplies, e-cards, and lots more.



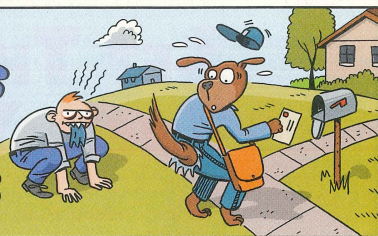
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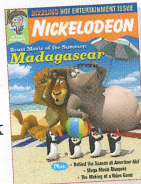
About the June/July issue

Dear Nick Mag,

You made a mistake in the "Music to Your Eyes" puzzle. You forgot to include Pink Floyd on your list and in the answers.

If you look at the grumpy old guy at the bottom of the page, his pouch says FLOYD in pink letters.

Louis R., age 13
via e-mail



Dear Louis,

You'll also find ZZ Top, Led Zeppelin, KISS (right), the Rolling Stones, the Kings of Leon, and others. In the instructions, we didn't list all the bands hidden in the picture because we were concerned that readers wouldn't know some of them. But you—and the other readers who wrote to us—obviously have a keener eye for music than we realized!



Dear Nick Mag,

Being a huge reality TV fan, I found "The Truth About Reality" very interesting. Now I know that being on a reality show isn't a walk in the park, especially *The Apprentice*, where you don't get any holidays and you have very little privacy.

Matt P., age 13
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Matt,

Maybe one of the best things about being eliminated from a reality show early on is that you get to have a real life.

Dear Nick Mag,

In "The Dirty Shirt," the doctor says that there were seven head injuries in one day. However, the comic only shows six people getting hit on the head. What happened?

Emily K., age 12
Baldwinsville, New York

Dear Emily,

The comic shows five people and one bird getting hit and one person who is about to get hit (the guy at dinner). You can assume from the bump on his head in the last panel that the waiter's tray really did hit him. (You can also assume that the waiter didn't get much of a tip.)

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Dear Nick Mag,

I totally loved the "iPod Sale" prankvertisement in *Shorts & Briefs*, especially the iPod Mini-mini-mini. I could really use it in school.

Kamry G., age 10½
Columbia, South Carolina



Dear Kamry,

We could actually use the skyPod, but we don't have \$999,999.99 to pay for it.

The price is sky-high.

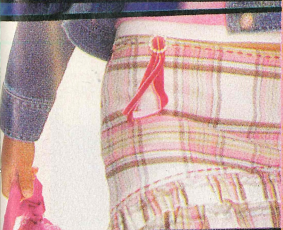
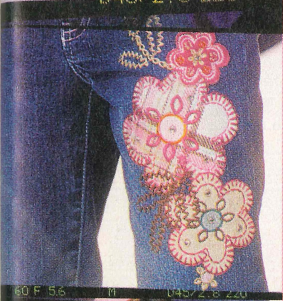


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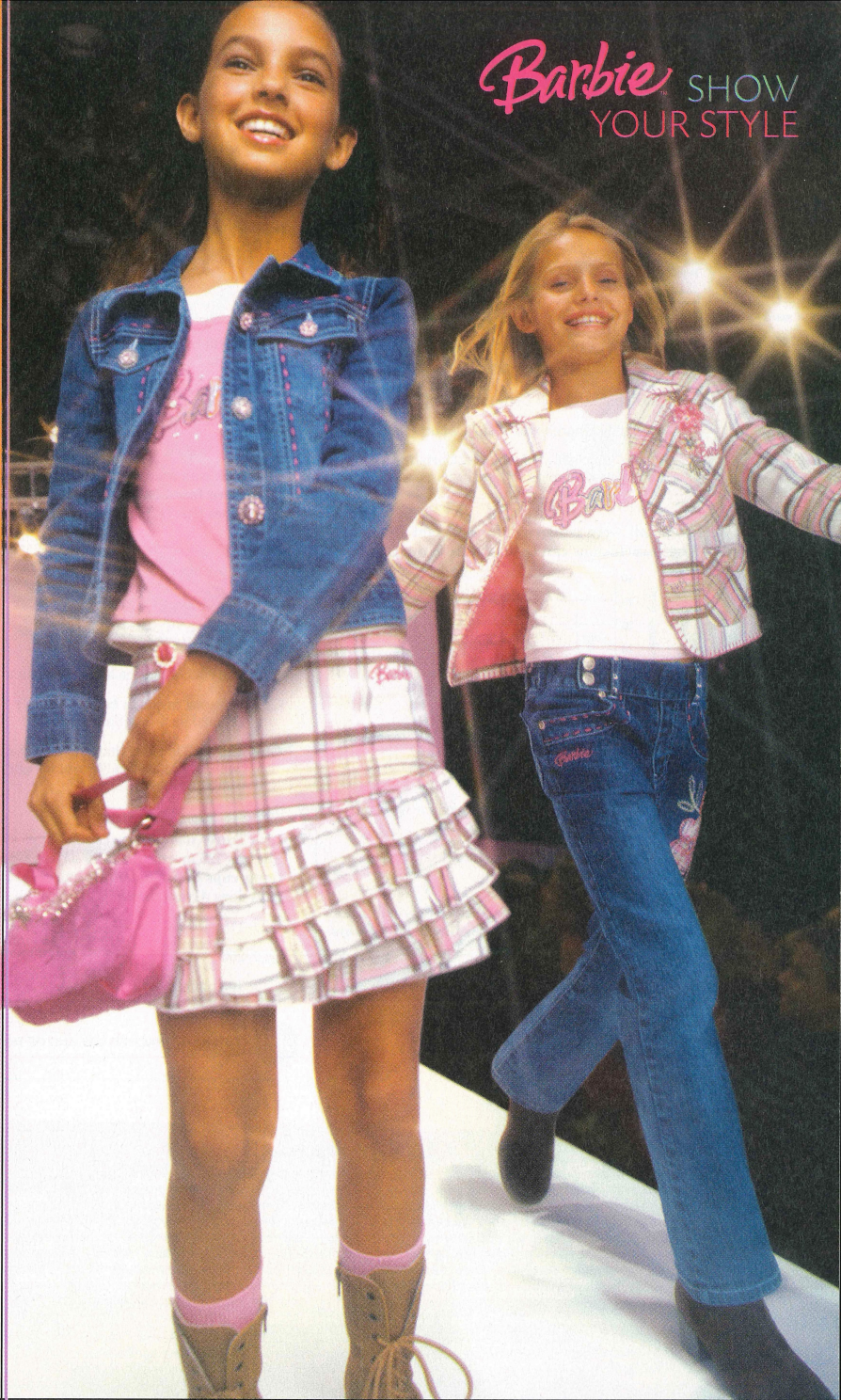
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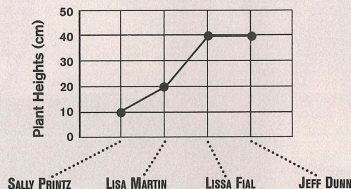
1. Which countries border the United States?

☐ Jason Rothmania and Kate Scotland
☐ Edward Bozekistan and Anne Loganbuhlia
☐ Samantha Greeneland and Simon Schatzmannovia

2. Which event occurred in 1789?

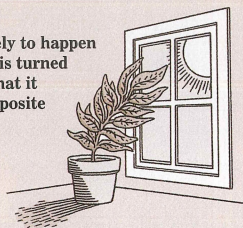
☐ The Constitutional Convention met.
☐ Courtney Church and Teri Jacobucci met.
☐ Noelle Wojciehowski annexed Christine Vystreil and formed Romina Mujezinovic.

3. Pea plants were grown by four different students. What conclusions can be drawn from the graph?



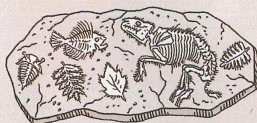
- ☐ Pea plants grow best in low light.
☐ Pea plants grow best when cared for by people whose first name begins with L.
☐ Sally Printz should not go into farming.
4. A horse, a frog, Aiesha Francis, Herb Scannell, Dan Sullivan, and Christina Tom are alike in many ways. One way is that they all have:
- ☐ legs.
☐ lungs.
☐ too much work to do.

5. What is likely to happen if the plant is turned around so that it faces the opposite direction?



- ☐ It will bend toward Michele Oram and Sunal Patel.
☐ Moira Geraghty or Brian Palagallo will water it.
☐ It will need more Alyssa Ruttenberg.

6. This rock was found by a group of students. They discovered fossils of tiny plants and bones in it. What does this tell us about the rock?



- ☐ The rock was once in Donna Sabino's backyard.
☐ The rock needs to be washed off by Andrea Gingold or Susan Sanford.
☐ The rock is older than Gayle Fisher, Edelyn Sellitto, Phyllis Sparrow, and Peggy Thielen's combined ages.

7. Liza Torres has 300 used coffee cups at her desk. She has 125 more cups than Alyssa Gochis and 50 fewer cups than Pamela Leonarczyk. How many cups does Alyssa have?

- ☐ 175
☐ 250
☐ Too many

I hope they're
drinking decaf!



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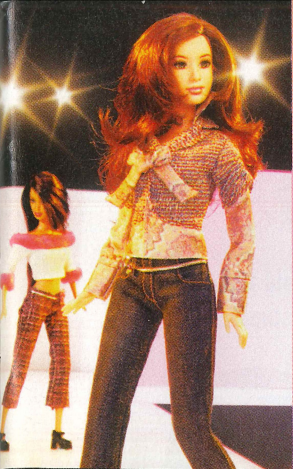
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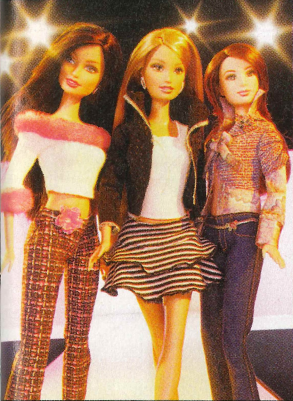
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THE CELEB PAGE

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Chad Michael Murray
actor

Paintballing in the house. My friends and I ran around with paintball guns. That was pretty stupid.

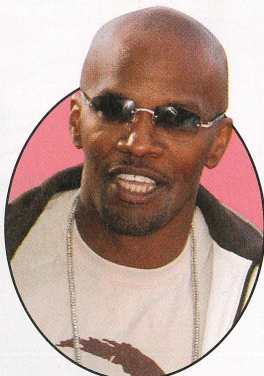


Kay Panabaker
actress

I dropped three cell phones into a hot tub over a period of six months. I keep going back [to the store] and saying "No, no, I really *did* drop them!" I'm a little klutzy.

Frankie Muniz
actor

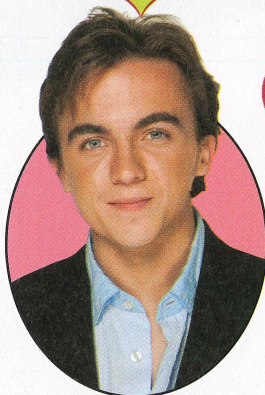
I turned down hosting *Saturday Night Live*, which was pretty stupid.



Jamie Foxx
actor

I always keep everything in my right pocket, and I never put anything in my left pocket. It's superstition.

Is that why you haven't returned my calls?



Diana Taurasi
basketball player

I say "umm" a lot. I know I'm doing it, and I try to stop it, but I'm doing it while I'm telling myself to stop!





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SMART SAVES

Every now and then, you can't help but blurt out something really dumb. Here are a few things to say to recover.

That, of course, was classic dialogue from *Dude, Where's My Car?*

I'll just show myself into the corner for a little time-out.

That's it, I'm firing my dialogue writers.

Sorry, my tongue is asleep.

Applause is not necessary.

I must have eaten Moron Flakes for breakfast.

I've got to stop hanging out with you. I'm getting dumber by the minute.



Yes, It's Over

Are you having trouble accepting the fact that summer is over? If you can relate to three or more of the following statements, then it's time to face the cold reality of autumn.

by David Lewman

You mistake the bleat of a crossing guard's whistle for a lifeguard's.

In your "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" report, you write about what you're doing right now.

You try to run through the drinking fountains at school in your bathing suit.

On the bus to school, you wonder when the driver is going to stop at a rest area.

When your teacher calls on you, you say "In a minute, Mom."

In the school hallway, you search for the guy who sells ice cream.

You sleep until lunch.

I'M WITH STUPID TALKS BACK



**NOT
FOR
LONG**

You've probably seen the popular T-shirt with the saying I'M WITH STUPID and a finger or an arrow pointing to the right or left. Well, those people standing to the right and left are fighting back. Take a look at some of *their* shirts.

by Marc Tyler Nobleman

**That
Aren't
True**

True, but
I'm **President**
of the
Stupid Society

The
With
Is a Typo

IT'S
SHORT
FOR
Stupidowsky

That
Doesn't
Make Him
Look Too
Smart,
Does It?

Yeah, but
Look at
Who I'm
Stuck With

Check the Stupidometer

The more of these things you've seen, the stupider your life is getting.

Ashton Kutcher just got elected president.

You saw someone walking a cat on a leash.

Your parents are using slang words like *hella* and *fo' shizzle*.

Pet owners are dressing up their pets like them.

Your friend just took more time to type a text message on a cell phone than it would take to leave a voice mail message.

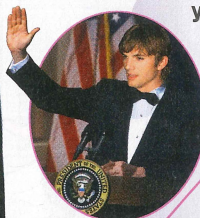
Old, stupid television shows you've never even heard of are getting remade into new, stupid movies.

Some of the commentaries on DVDs are from people who had nothing to do with the movie.

You've seen reality shows about reality shows.

Talking babies are appearing on lots of TV commercials.

Talking dogs are a different story.



The members of DENSA, the low IQ society, hold their annual meeting every weekend. These dopes are proud to put the “duh” in dumb. In fact, this scene contains 16 items that either begin or end with the sound “duh.” For example, there’s an enchilada in the picture. When you’re *duhn*, check out the answers on page 87.

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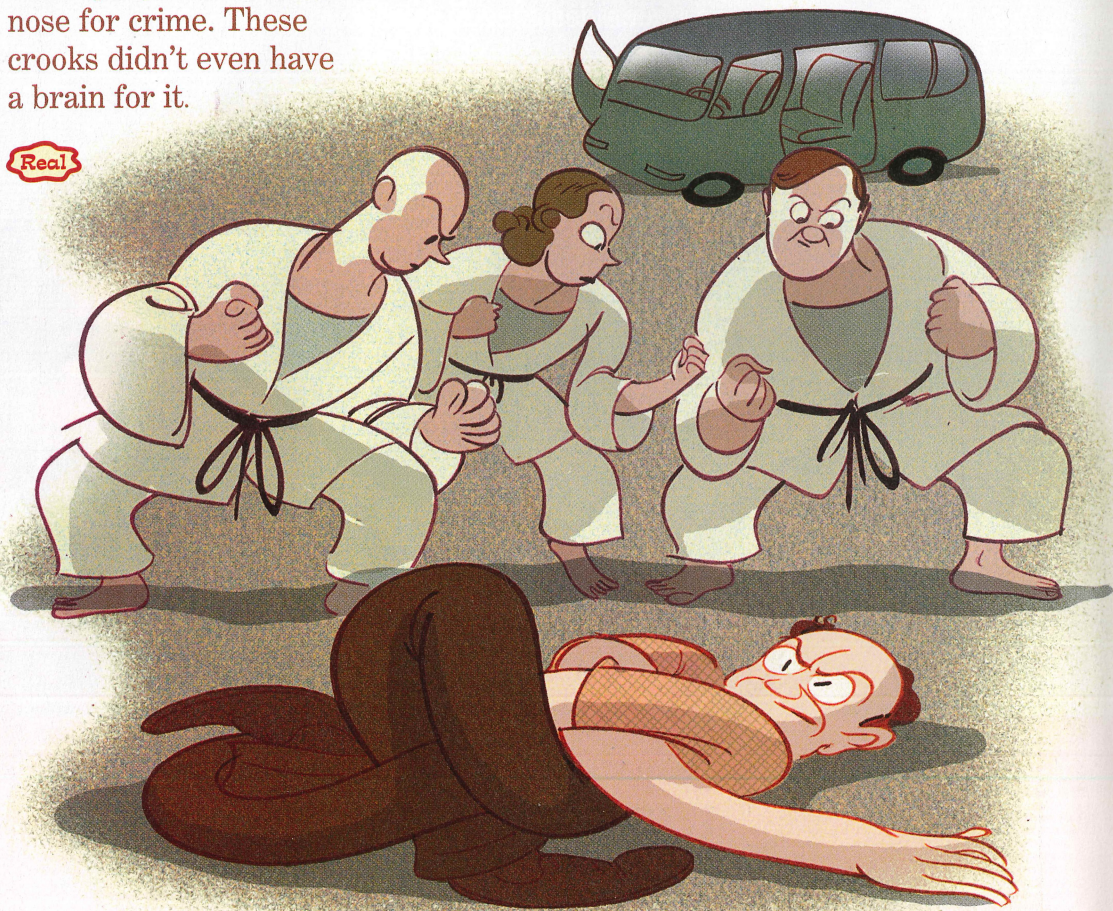


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AMERICA'S LEAST WANTED

Some people have a nose for crime. These crooks didn't even have a brain for it.

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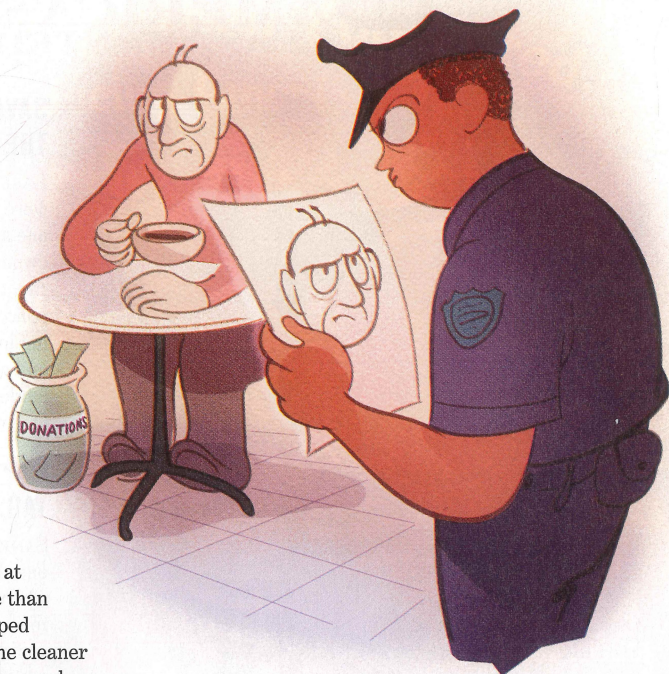


JUDOS AND DON'TS ▲

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—A carjacker tried to steal a minivan at a gas station in August 2002, but it turned out to be exactly the wrong vehicle to target: It was full of members of a judo club from Florida. The martial arts team sprang into action and the wannabe car thief was held all pretzeled up in a body hold until the cops arrived.

A SKETCHY CHARACTER ➤

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS—A man walked into an art gallery one Sunday afternoon in 1999 and started chatting with one of the artists. But he was no art lover. When no one was looking, he stole a large plastic jug filled with \$100 in donations and fled. Because the thief had spent so much time talking, the artist was easily able to make a drawing of the crook. The police used it to capture the robber with the stolen money at a nearby café.



TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS

MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE—About a week after robbing a local bank in May 2001, a thief dropped off his dirty clothes at the dry cleaners. But he left behind more than sweat stains: In the pocket of his pin-striped shirt was the holdup note he had used. The cleaner found the note and called the cops, and the crook was hung out to dry.

He tried to make a clean getaway.



A REAL DUM DUM ▲

MARKED TREE, ARKANSAS—Last November, the security camera at the Marked Tree Bank showed that a thief had just broken in and stolen a clock radio, a CD player, and a pile of Dum Dum lollipops from a candy dish. Police walked out of the bank and found a Dum Dum wrapper on the ground...then another...and another. The cops followed the trail of wrappers down the street, across the railroad tracks, into a mobile home park, and right to the bank robber and his guilty sweet tooth.

I DO...BELONG IN JAIL

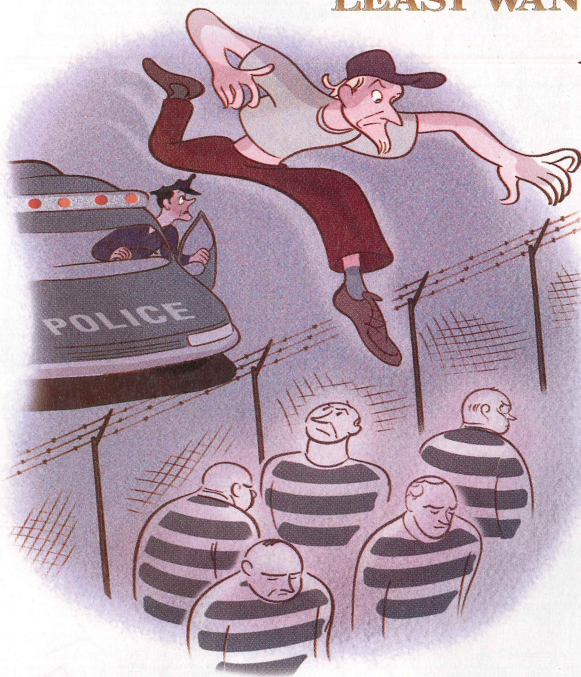
TOTNES, ENGLAND—An engaged couple visited a bridal shop in June 2000 and looked at piles of gowns, hats, and accessories. But they walked out without buying anything. By the time someone realized that one of the dresses was missing, the couple was gone.

Four months later, as the owner of the shop read her local paper, she came across a photo of the engaged couple's wedding, featuring the blushing bride wearing the stolen dress. The cops paid a visit to the newlyweds, and soon the husband—who was the dress thief—was the one who was blushing.

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AMERICA'S LEAST WANTED



◀ SAVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THE TROUBLE

LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA—Three men were trying to break into a pickup truck one afternoon in 1989 when the vehicle's owner showed up. The wannabe thieves ran, but the truck's owner and a nearby police car gave chase. With the cops closing in, two of the fugitives saw a fence and climbed over it to get away—and landed right on the grounds of the San Quentin maximum security prison.

~~~~~ TAG, YOU'RE IT!

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA—In 2000, one thief made the police's job easy when he robbed the restaurant he used to work at. He performed the crime while wearing his old uniform shirt with his name on it.

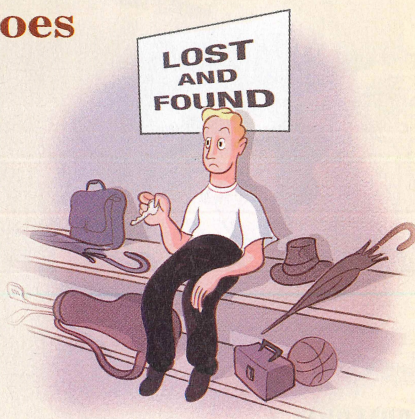
Stupid Is as Stupid Does

Crooks aren't the only ones with not-so-bright ideas.

Try, Try Them Again: One November day in 1998, nine different people appeared in court in Troy, Michigan, for driving with a suspended driver's license. After appearing before Judge William Bolle, each one left the courthouse, went to the parking lot, got into a car, and tried to drive away again. The nine were all rearrested and had to face the same judge.

Rear Window: A few years ago, a 21-year-old smart aleck from the United Kingdom who was visiting Cape Town, South Africa, decided to moon everyone on the highway from his tour bus. He pulled down his pants and pressed his butt into the emergency exit window. The window instantly popped open—as emergency windows are designed to do—and he fell out on his naked rear end.

House Hunting: Jermund Skogstad moved from the countryside in Norway to the capital city, Oslo, in 1990. After half an hour of unpacking in his new apartment,



he left to get something to eat. He forgot to take his wallet, but worse, he got lost in the maze of streets and forgot his way home, too. One month later, Jermund was living in a hotel and still looking. He finally went to the newspaper to tell his story so that his new landlady could contact him. □

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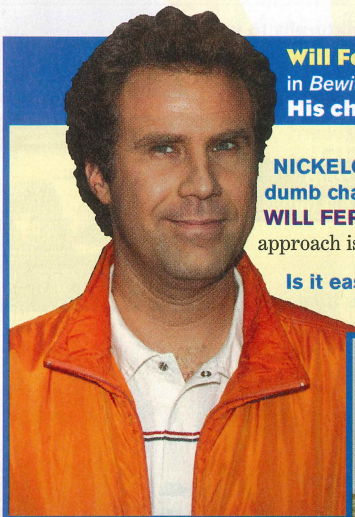
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Playing ^{Real} Dumb

We talked to some actors who are very smart about playing stupid characters. **by Vicki Arkoff**



Will Ferrell: played Jack Wyatt (an actor who plays Darrin Stevens) in *Bewitched*

His character: a not-too-sharp actor (who plays a not-too-sharp guy)

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your approach to playing dumb characters?

WILL FERRELL: I go with my instincts and play it straight. My fundamental approach is to always play everything real as opposed to trying to be funny.

Is it easy to play a dim character?

Well, let's just say it isn't the hardest thing in the universe.



Do you always succeed at being funny?

I have only been funny about seventy-four percent of the time. Yes, I think that's right.

Ellen DeGeneres: played Dory in *Finding Nemo*

Her character: a ditzy fish with an extremely short memory



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get into character?

ELLEN DEGENERES: To make sure that I played Dory as a believable character, I wanted to remain faithful to the realism of aquatic life. Since I found it difficult to breathe underwater, it was a tough research challenge.

Is it easy to play a dim character?

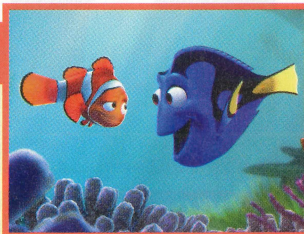
I don't understand the question.

Does playing a dumb character come naturally to you?

People probably think it comes naturally. They always ask me, "Were you funny as a child?" Well, no, I was an accountant. [laughs]

Have you done anything dumb lately?

Every day I do something dumb. Thankfully, I'm too dumb to remember.



CONTINUED

Jack Black: played Dewey Finn in *School of Rock*

His character: a guitar-playing rockaholic who gets kicked out of his band and becomes a substitute teacher

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your approach to playing dumb characters?

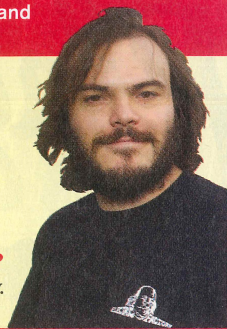
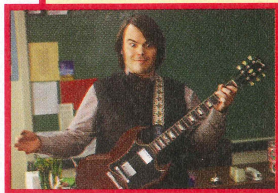
JACK BLACK: I'll think of an idea and I'll never speak it or say it out loud, let alone write it down, until I get in there. That way, it stays fresher.

Is it easy to play a dim character?

Easy-peasey.

Does playing a dumb character come naturally to you?

[in an English accent] It trips off the tongue quite naturally.



Seann William Scott: played Bo Duke in *The Dukes of Hazzard*

His character: a simple country boy who loves his car and his family

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your approach to playing dumb characters?

SEANN WILLIAM SCOTT: If you play a character as if he knows he's dumb, it doesn't come off as that interesting.

But if you play it as if the character really believes what he's saying, it's much more fun.

What does it take to play a dim character?

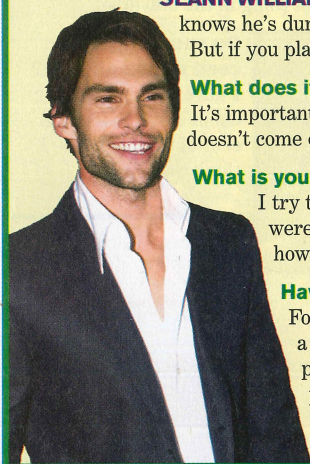
It's important that you're comfortable taking a risk and making fun of yourself, or it doesn't come off as funny.

What is your inspiration for your dumb characters?

I try to draw from people I've met or things that happened in high school that were really funny—even from back in elementary school, when I definitely knew how to laugh at myself.

Have you done dumb stuff lately?

For *Bulletproof Monk* [in 2003], I did a lot of stunts, like getting dragged along a rooftop. After that one, I felt like I was dying. [My costar] Chow Yun-Fat picked me up, put me over his shoulder, and saved me. I was in the worst pain I'd ever been in. When I finally started to breathe again, he said, "You're stupid. You do too many stunts."



Bill Fagerbakke: plays Patrick in *SpongeBob SquarePants*

His character: SpongeBob's dim-witted—but lovable—best friend

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What makes for a good dumb character?

BILL FAGERBAKKE: It all starts with smart writing. Funny, dumb stuff is typically very smartly written.

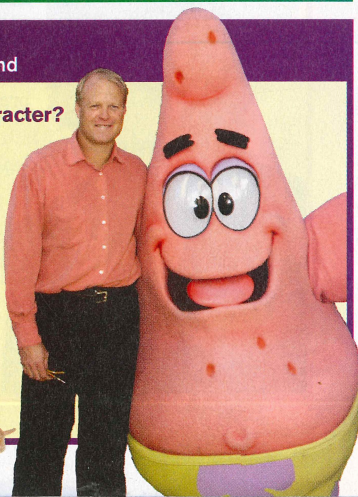
What's the hardest thing about playing a dumb character?

One of the hard things is animation's fast pace [because] you can't play [dumb stuff] too fast. That's one of the joys of working with Tom Kenny [the voice of SpongeBob]. His ferocious pacing allows me a bit more room to slow the pace down.

What's the dumbest thing you've ever done?

I've done so much dumb stuff: running into walls, running into cars. I broke a pair of glasses once just by walking into a door. □

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Moronia Remains Under Attack

For the 229th year in a row, the once-peaceful village of Moronia remains under attack, and there doesn't seem to be any truce in sight. The unseen forces threatening to destroy the town show no sign of leaving, and tension remains high.

The heavy iron cannon on the village green near the strip mall is pointed toward Main Street and, though not one shot has ever been fired and no one is manning it, "War could begin at any second," Mayor Donald Dimwit said.

The cannon has stood there, poised to fire at any moment, since the Revolutionary War. Over the centuries, Moronians have tried to draw up defense plans, but local residents have never been able to figure out which end of the pencil to draw with.

Schools Chief to Bring Down Grades

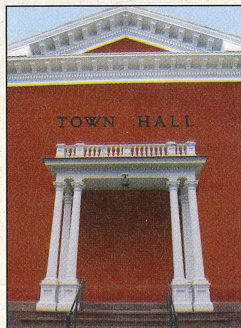


Local education officials hope to see even more dunce caps in Moronia's classrooms this year.

As Moronia's youngsters headed back to school this month, Schools Superintendent Mia Dunts announced her ambitious plans to improve education. First, she vowed to bring down grades this year: "Over the summer, our kids have forgotten a lot, and we don't want to lose that progress," stated Ms. Dunts. "When crime is up, people want to lower it. When inflation is up, that's bad. It's time someone had the courage to tackle grades, and that someone is

me. My goal is to have every child in our school system wearing a dunce cap by the end of the year."

Ms. Dunts also introduced the new school dress code, which is called No Child's Left Behind. The new rules forbid "exposure of the left buttock," she explained. While this has not been a problem in the past, "you never know what wacky ideas these kids will come up with," said the superintendent, who conducted the interview in her pajamas.



Town Hall Update

Moronia's new Town Hall was completed last Friday when Thickskull & Sons Brick & Plaster Company laid the final bricks in the last wall. Crew foreman Simon Slackjaw conveyed the news from inside the finished structure by tapping Morse code on the wall. "According to Simon, the crew is pretty sure they've got enough air in there to last until they can build the first door or window," reported site manager Tiny Graymatter.

NEWS BRIEFS

Village Library Welcomes Local Author

Hundreds, if not dozens, of citizens came to the Moronia Public Library to hear Mavis Innasnit read from her book *This Town Is Filled With Nothing but Stupid, Stupid People* and its sequel, *I Bet You Half-Wits Would Even Come to Hear a Reading From a Book About How Completely Stupid You All Are*. Said Moronian resident Moira Knuckledragger, "It's great when a person appreciates her roots like Mavis does."

Town Dogcatcher Sets Record

Moronia's dogcatcher, Dorothy Dolt, set a world record for catching dogs when she managed to catch 19 out of 20 dogs that were thrown at her in quick succession on Saturday. "The only one I missed was a beagle that had just been to the groomer, so its fur was kind of slippery," said Ms. Dolt.

Children's Whereabouts Still a Puzzle

Hundreds of parents once again reported that their children, ranging in age from 6 to 17, were missing from home between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The chief detective warned citizens to be on the lookout for a large yellow bus with bold black lettering and a friendly driver. He believes that the bus may somehow be linked to the daily disappearances.

Book Drive a Success

Moronia's first book drive was a smashing success, according to librarian Paige Turner. "We loaded more than two hundred books into the backseat of my Buick and drove them clear to the county line and back," said the ecstatic Mrs. Turner. "Many of these books had never been off the shelves, so it was really a thrill to get them out and about."



Moviegoers in Moronia have been lining up for weeks to catch the debut of a new movie at the Moronia Bijoux called *Theater Closed for Renovation*. The movie has no scheduled opening date, but that hasn't dissuaded some 300 villagers from standing in line. And neither has the fact that the movie apparently has no big Hollywood stars.

David Dumby, 54, who has been waiting on line for five and a half weeks, says, "I can't wait to see this movie, and I don't care who's not in it or who didn't direct it."

"Wow!" exclaimed Felicity Numbskull, 16, who joined the line two weeks ago. As she watched construction workers empty the theater of its seats, popcorn maker, and projector, she noted, "This movie is going to be seriously sick! I mean, they're completely redoing the theater for it!"



Ironians have been lining up for weeks, hoping to be the first to see a new movie about a closed theater.

Question of the Week

This week's question is:

How will you answer the question of the week?



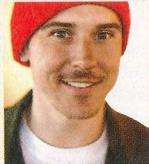
Howie Tryes

"I'd probably have to say that I'd probably have to say that if you really pressed me, that's what I'd probably have to say."



Minnie Mined

"What's the question?"



Izzy Home

"False."



Bob Smartz

"Why do you keep running this photo above my name when it's not me?"

PUZZLE CORNER

Today's puzzle:
Connect the dot:

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Solution to
yesterday's
crossword:



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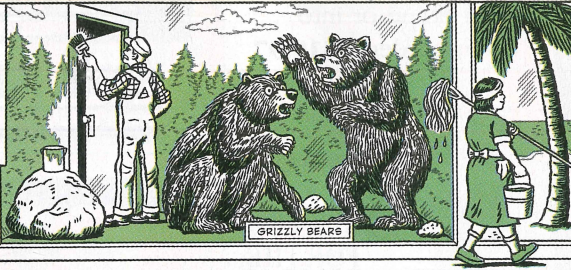
The Village Idiot Classifieds

THE PLACE: MY BATHROOM. YOU: THE SPITTING IMAGE OF ME. I was shaving. So were you. You looked cute. So did I. We winked at each other. We smiled at the exact same time. Let's meet again! I bet we have a lot in common.

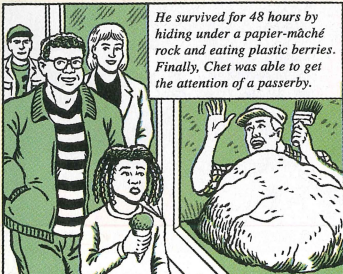
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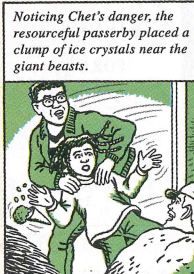
May 2, 1989.
Local painter
Chet Farnsdale
was putting the
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the grizzly bear
diorama at the new
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History Museum.



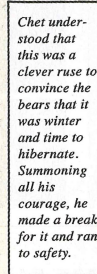
As he finished, Chet realized that he was trapped in the middle of a huge forest with deadly grizzlies.



He survived for 48 hours by hiding under a papier-mâché rock and eating plastic berries. Finally, Chet was able to get the attention of a passerby.



Noticing Chet's danger, the resourceful passerby placed a clump of ice crystals near the giant beasts.



Chet understood that this was a clever ruse to convince the bears that it was winter and time to hibernate. Summoning all his courage, he made a break for it and ran to safety.



Miraculously, Chet survived his wilderness ordeal with only minor cuts to the face and hands.

It Doesn't Ad Up

by Marc Tyler Nobleman

These seven ads are real—and so is the dumb mistake that appears in each one. *Consumer Reports* magazine presented these items in its “Selling It” column about stupid errors in advertisements. (The companies have all since fixed their mistakes.)

Can you find the goof in each ad? [Answers on page 87.](#)

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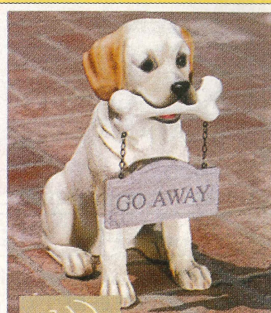
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2



Welcome Dog

This dog is always ready to welcome you home or into your garden. \$19.97

5

The Art of the Deal

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3

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6

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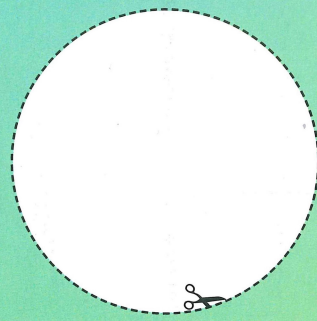
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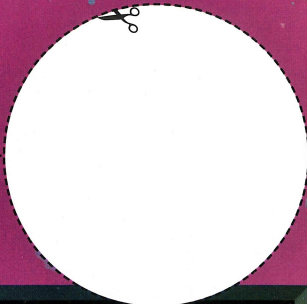
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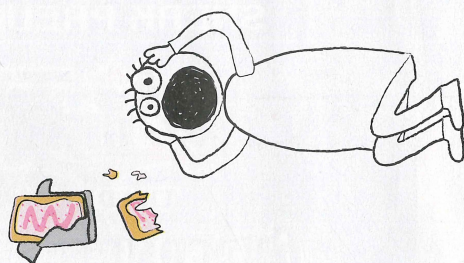
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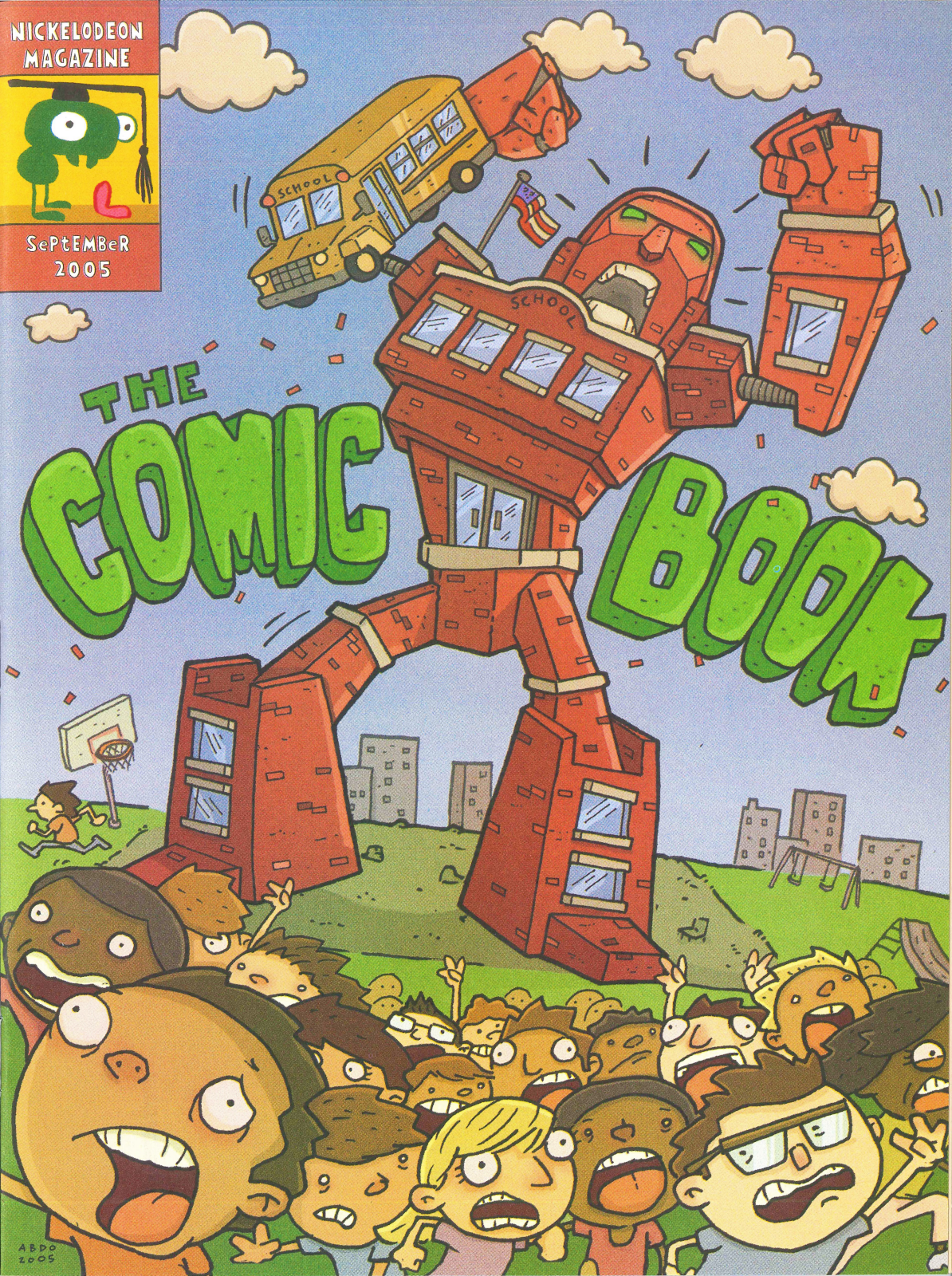
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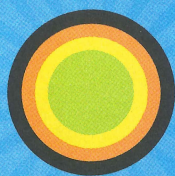
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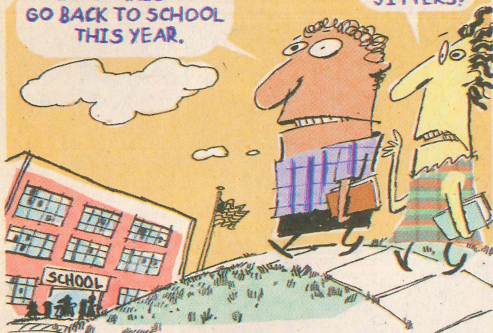
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FIRST DAY
JITTERS?



NO. I JUST REMEMBERED
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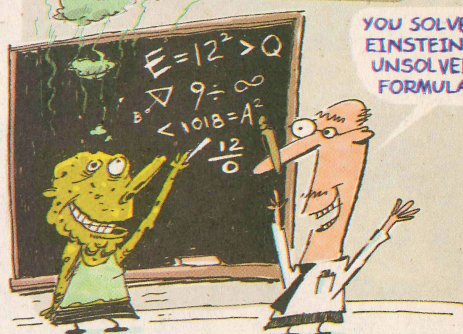
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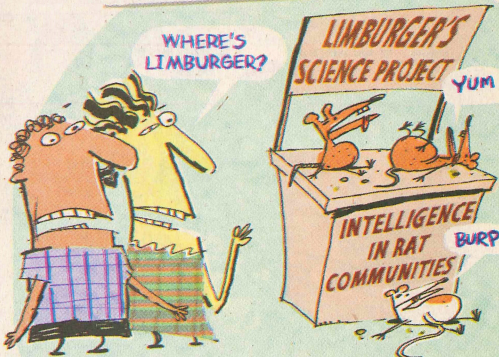
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LIMBURGER, YOU
WON THE WORLDWIDE
SPELLING BEE.



BUT EVENTUALLY, LIMBURGER
REACHED TOO FAR...

WHERE'S
LIMBURGER?



IMPY & WORMER

DON'T
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Hey, Wormer!
Guess what's
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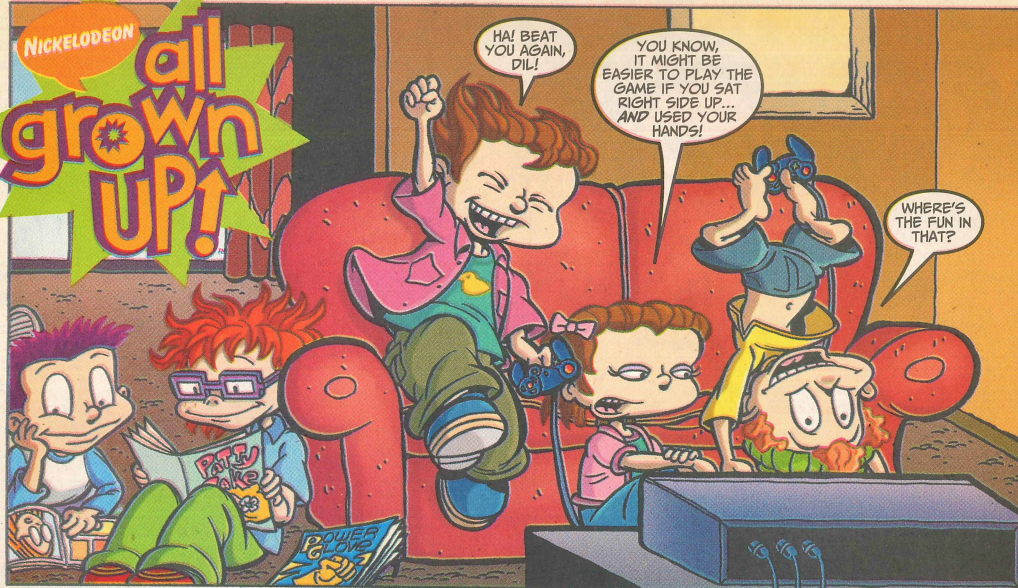
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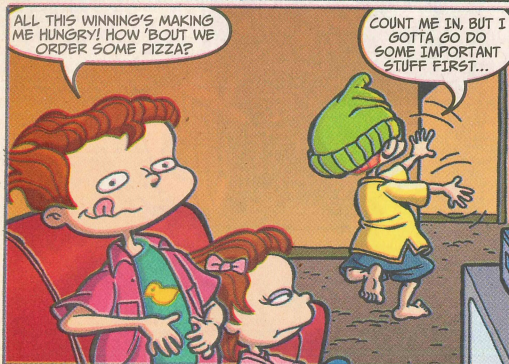
HA! BEAT YOU AGAIN, DIL!

YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO PLAY THE GAME IF YOU SAT RIGHT SIDE UP... AND USED YOUR HANDS!

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

ALL THIS WINNING'S MAKING ME HUNGRY! HOW 'BOUT WE ORDER SOME PIZZA?

COUNT ME IN, BUT I GOTTA GO DO SOME IMPORTANT STUFF FIRST...



I VOTE FOR MUSHROOM AND ITALIAN SAUSAGE!



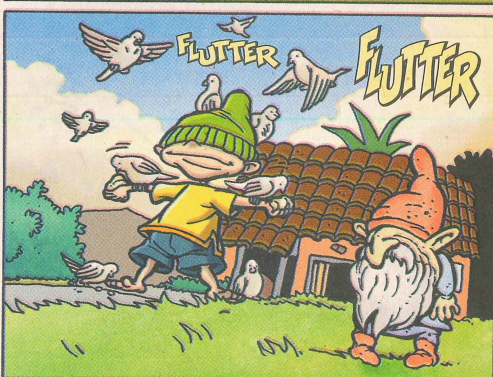
THE LAST TIME I ATE TOO MANY MUSHROOMS, MY EARS BROKE OUT IN A RASH! HOW ABOUT HAWAIIAN?

NEGATIVE ON THE PINEAPPLE. FRUIT ON PIZZA IS JUST PLAIN WRONG!

EXCEPT TOMATO, BUT THE JURY'S STILL OUT ON THE FRUIT OR VEGETABLE THING, NO?



FLUTTER FLUTTER



SMELL MY FEET

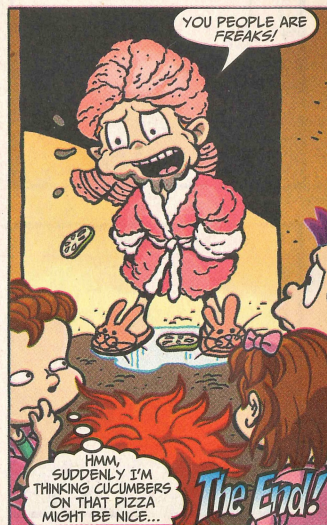
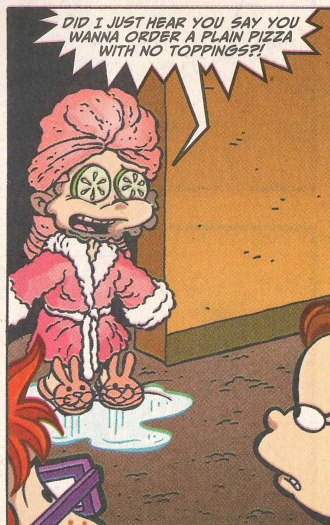
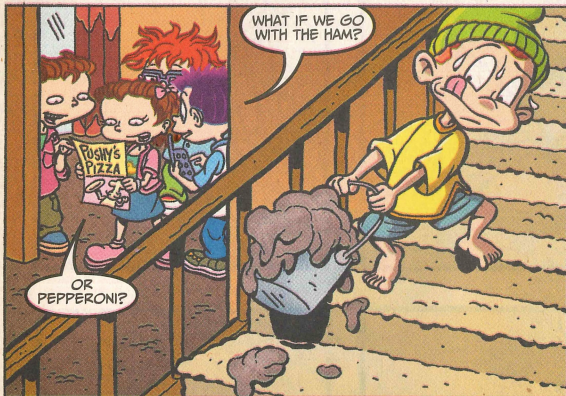
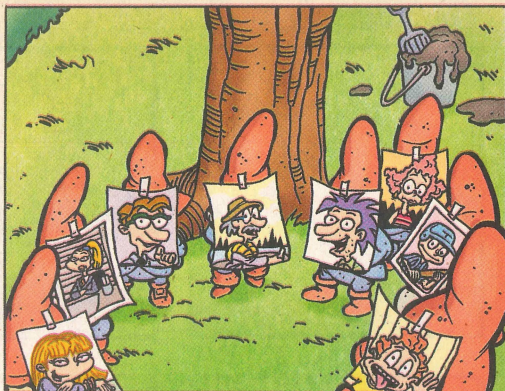
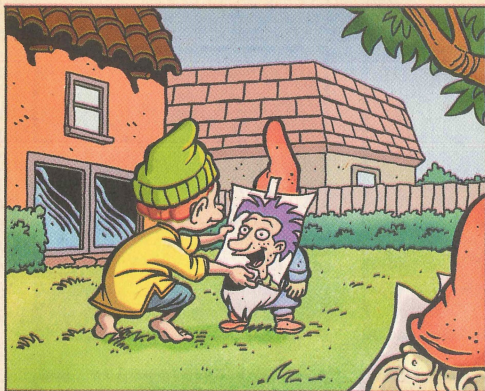


Pee-yoo!

Impy! Your feet stink!



Maybe they forgot to brush their teeth.



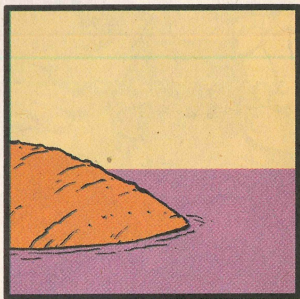
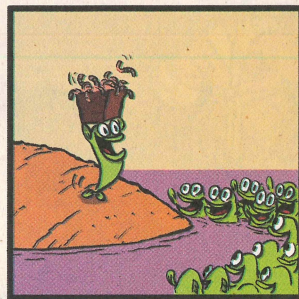
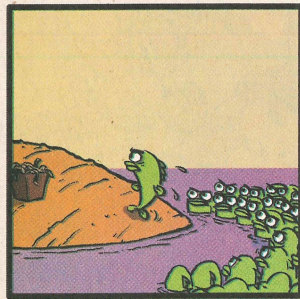
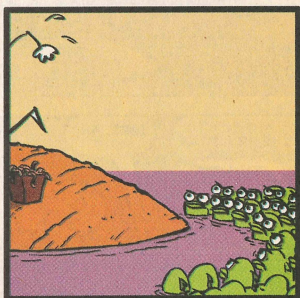
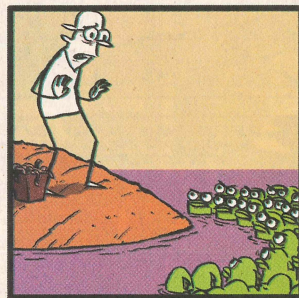
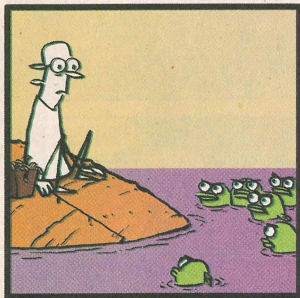
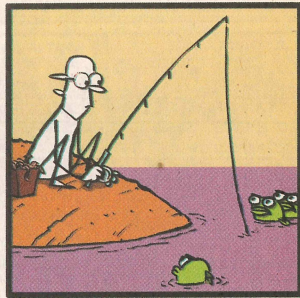
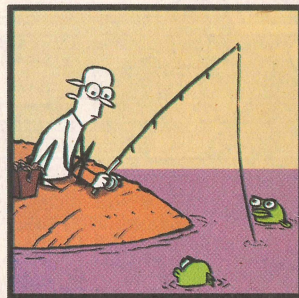
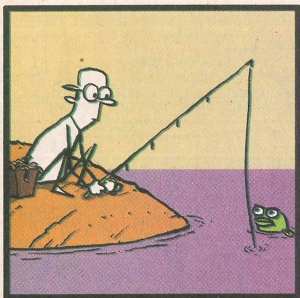
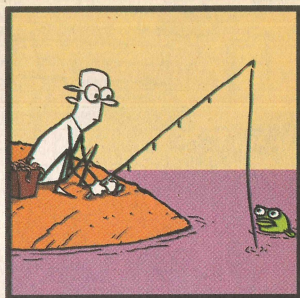
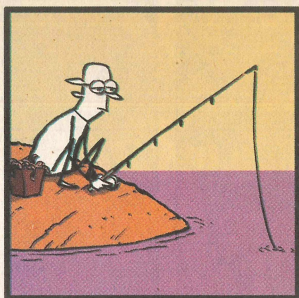
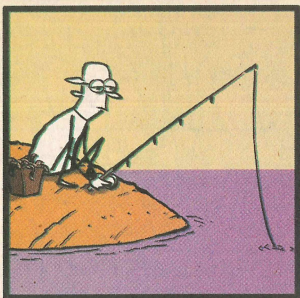
**IMPY'S
BIG
SECRET**

Ha ha! Me have a secret!

Let me guess... Your head is stuck in a box?

Aw... How did you know?

FISHIN' TRIP



GRAHAM ANNABLE

YUM

Me am going to vote for cheese.



For president of the United States?

No.

President of my lunch.



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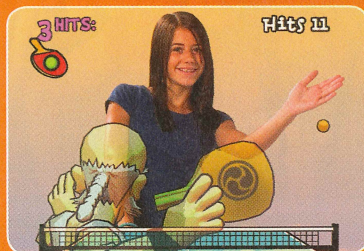


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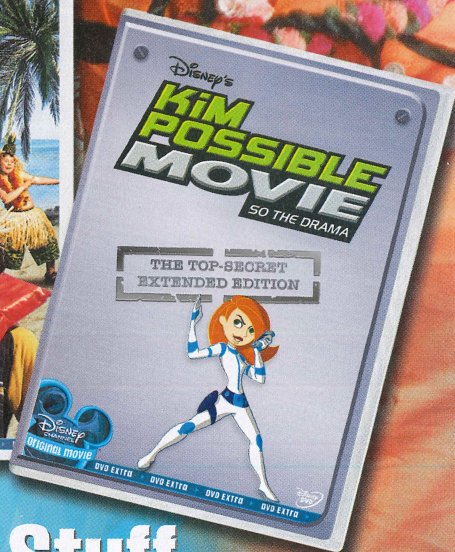
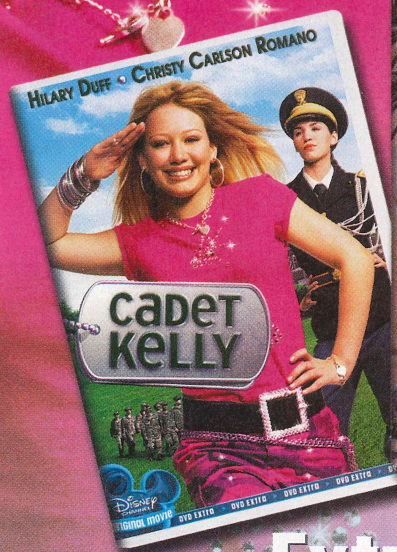
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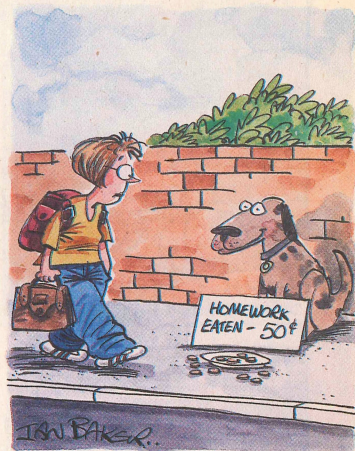
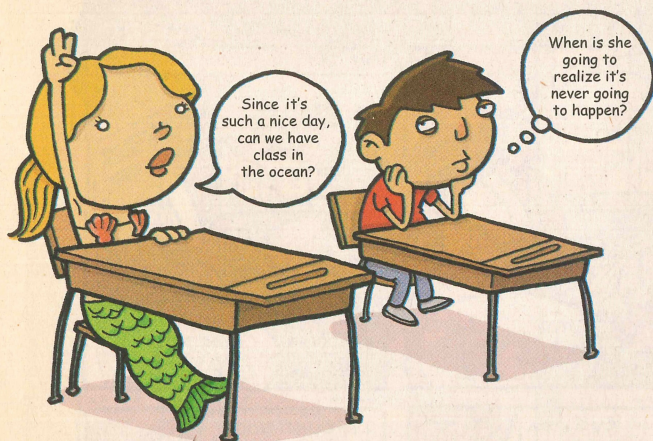
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"I will now read my report about invisible ink...appropriately enough, written in invisible ink."

IMPY'S
NEW
LOOK



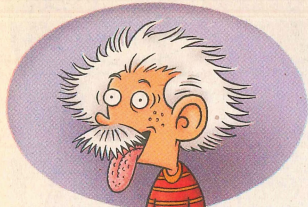
Me grew
a
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on my
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That's Ridiculous!



You am
just
jealous!

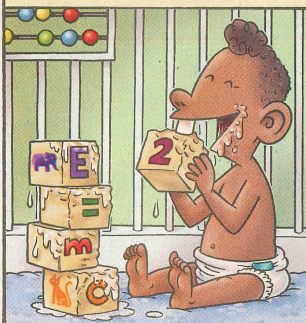
ARE YOU A KID GENIUS?



**TAKE THIS SIMPLE
QUIZ TO FIND OUT IF
YOU ARE A KID GENIUS.**

1. DID YOU SHOW AN EARLY
INTEREST IN SCIENCE?

YES ☐ NO ☐



2. CAN YOU SPEAK IN BINARY?

YES ☐ NO ☐

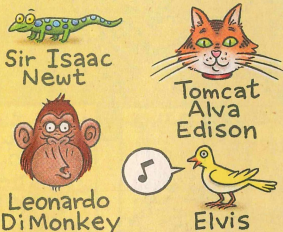


3. SCIENTISTS HAVE NOW
DETERMINED THAT, CONTRARY TO
POPULAR BELIEF, THE UNIVERSE IS
EXPANDING AT A CONTINUOUSLY
ACCELERATING RATE. DID YOU HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS?

YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN 20 WORDS OR LESS.

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NAMED AFTER A FAMOUS
GENIUS, SUCH AS...

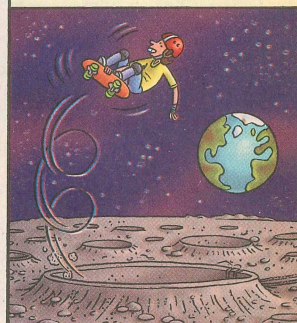


...AND DOES IT TALK?

YES ☐ NO ☐

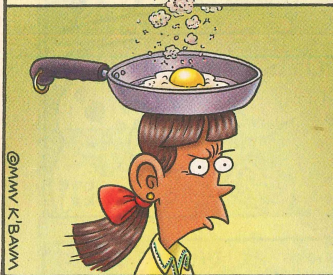
5. HAVE YOU EVER PULLED A
900 ON THE MOON?

YES ☐ NO ☐



6. WHEN YOU THINK
REALLY HARD, DOES YOUR
BRAIN PRODUCE ENOUGH
HEAT TO COOK AN EGG?

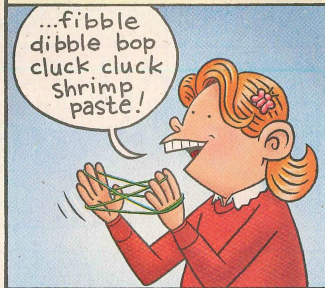
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7. CAN YOU EXPLAIN
STRING THEORY?

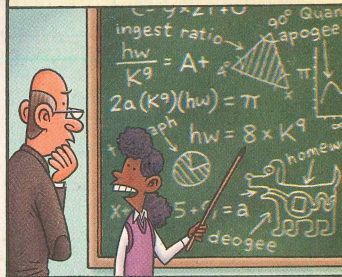
YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES, IN HOW MANY LANGUAGES? ____



8. DO YOUR EXCUSES FOR NOT
HAVING YOUR HOMEWORK NOT
ONLY WORK--THEY COMPLETELY
BAFFLE YOUR TEACHER?

YES ☐ NO ☐



ANSWERS: IF YOU NEED TO LOOK HERE FOR ANSWERS, YOU ARE NOT A GENIUS.

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Me can't
wait to
see how this
comic strip
ends!



Me bet
it am
going
to be
funny.





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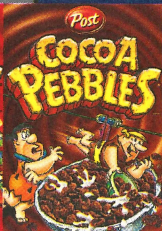
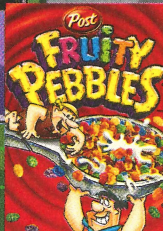
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VACATION EXAGGERATION

When people ask what you did over the summer, you could tell them the truth— that you hung around and didn't do much of anything. Or, you could tell them a much more impressive version of the truth.

What you **REALLY** did:
Watched a lot of reruns.

What you **SAY** you did:
"I conducted a nightly in-depth survey of how the American media recycles and reuses various modes of entertainment."

What you **REALLY** did:
Rang people's doorbells and ran.



What you **SAY** you did:
Several colleagues and I went door-to-door in our neighborhood and studied the effect of tintinnabulation followed by accelerated locomotion on the part of the tester.

What you **REALLY** did:
Lay on the grass and watched ants crawl around (and stepped on a few).



What you **SAY** you did:
I did a detailed horizontal, horticultural, and entomological analysis of how insects react to large external stimuli.



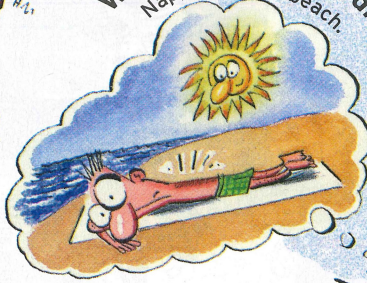
What you **REALLY** did:
Cranked your iPod.

What you **SAY** you did:
"I carefully measured the effects of increasing the amount of decibels and of bass and treble on the human eardrum."

What you **REALLY** did:
Watched the sweat collect in your belly button (and practiced swishing it around).

What you **SAY** you did:
"I observed rising levels of tidal pools and the damaging effects of saltwater on the human epidermis. I also studied advanced navel maneuvers."

What you **REALLY** did:
Napped on the beach.



I think your epidermis is toast.

What you **SAY** you did:
I did a precise study of the consequences of solar rays, oceanic tides, and tiny granular particles on the human sleep cycle.



Get to the Bottom of it

Someone just shot a spitball at Mr. Smith while his back was turned. Tattletale Stella Stoolie (the girl with her hand up) has offered to tell Mr. Smith who did it. But Stella doesn't want to seem like *too much* of a snitch, so she's giving Mr. Smith (and you) a series of clues about who the guilty party is.

Answer on page 87.

Stella's Clues

The spitballer:

- is wearing something striped.
- is not in the same horizontal row with the tallest boy in the class.
- is not wearing glasses.
- has something gross on her/his desk.
- loves the band Spleen Day and has (or is wearing) something with the band's name or initials on it.
- is not in the same horizontal row with someone who has smuggled a pet into the classroom.
- is wearing sneakers.

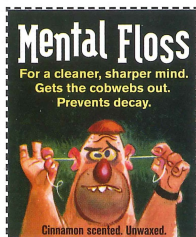
That sniffy class to work with!



STUPID LABELS

If you're smart, you'll use the stupid labels on this page to prank your friends.

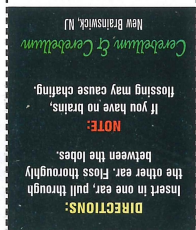
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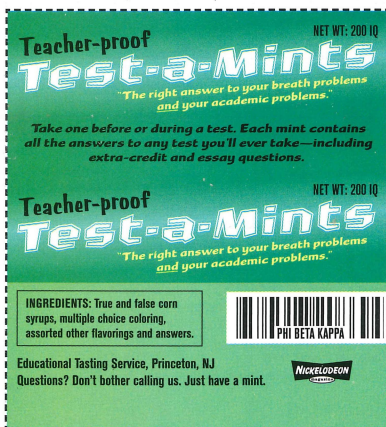


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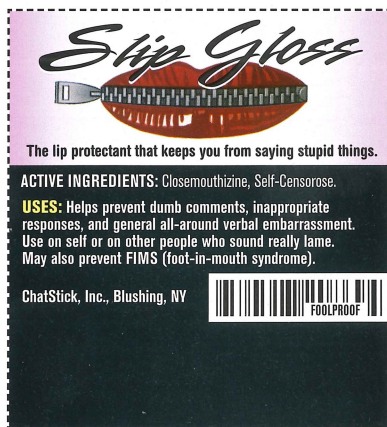


Carefully cut out this label and tape it to the front of a shampoo bottle.

Carefully cut out this label and tape it to a dental floss container shaped like this:



Carefully cut out this label and tape it around a small roll of candy.



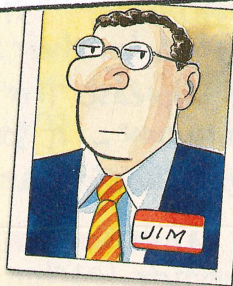
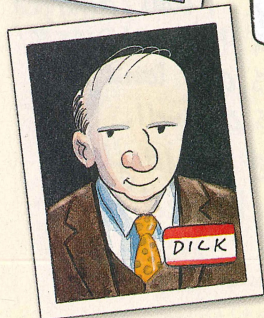
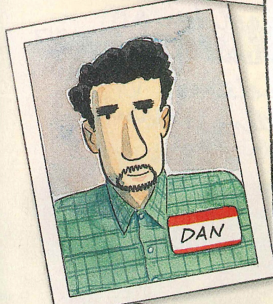
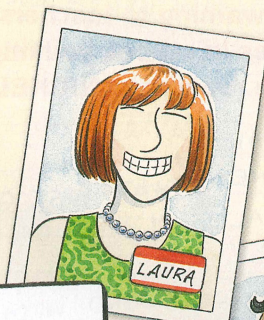
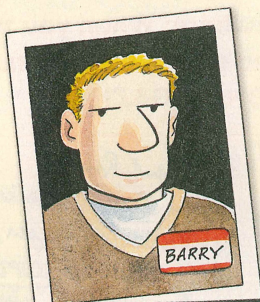
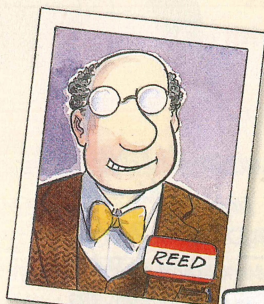
Carefully cut out this label and tape it around a lip gloss container.

You've Got Percy Nality

There's a problem with your fall class schedule. It lists the last names of your teachers, but the teachers themselves are wearing name tags with first names only. Pair each first name with the correct last name.

The complete name, when sounded out, will fit the class subject in some way. For example, a psychology class would be taught by Percy Nality (because it sounds like *personality*). **Answers on page 87.**

written
by Robert
Leighton



SCHEDULE

Classes

8:00 AM	Math	Mr. Toothry
8:50 AM	Science	Mr. Roskope
9:40 AM	Spelling	Mr. Shunnery
10:30 AM	Music	Ms. Nett
11:20 AM	Cooking	Mrs. Kew
12:40 PM	Phys Ed	Mr. Nastix
1:30 PM	Criminal Justice	Mrs. Norder
2:20 PM	English	Mr. Enright

Activities

3:10 PM	Chorus	Mr. Tone
4:00 PM	Gardening	Mr. DeLyon

What a classy
bunch!



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TOP-SECRET Teachers' Notes Part VI

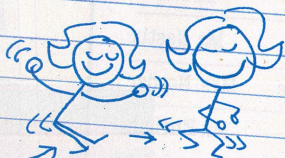
A warning to teachers everywhere: When you pass notes in school, you might end up sharing them...with the readers of NICKELODEON MAGAZINE!

MR. ROTHIER,
I SHOWED THAT WISE GUY
JIMMY FALCIONI! WHENEVER I
SAY "POP QUIZ," HE MAKES
THAT POPPING SOUND WITH HIS
FINGER & CHEEK. IT TAKES
MINUTES FOR THE CLASS TO
SETTLE DOWN.

SO TODAY I SAID "SURPRISE
QUIZ." HE WAS ABOUT TO DO
THE POP, AND THEN HE WAS
ALL LIKE, "OH, WAIT."

GO, ME!

- Ms. Kenyon
ENGLISH



my victory dance

Principal Russo:

When I send a student to the office
for throwing paper, I expect him or
her to be DISCIPLINED! Instead,
I hear that you complimented
that hoodigan Juliette Paterson on
her "hook shot" and got her a
tryout for the basketball team?!?!?
She came back to class
smiling and whistling merrily.

THANKS
FOR
NOTHING!

Ms. Binder
Social Studies

P.S.

I've attached one of her "basketballs."



Ms. O'Neill:

It was a pleasure to substitute teach for you today. I was amazed
at the unusual names of your students: "SMELLA MYARMPITS"!
"ANINNY SAYSWOT"! I enjoyed saying their names out loud as I
took attendance. This seemed to please the class as well.

I'd be happy to do it again any time... if someone would just
unlock the door to this supply closet that I'm locked in!

Mr. Danforth
Substitute Teacher

Ms. Clarendon!

Did you check out the new Biology lab assistant? He's quiet, but quite a hottie! I asked him out for coffee later, but he was too shy to speak. It's okay, since I have an eye exam after school.

More later!

Ms. Eades
Health

My drawing
of him →



Mr. Russo:

When are you going to hire a Biology Lab assistant? I could use the help.

Also, I think Ms. Eades, the health teacher, was trying to steal my HUMAN ANATOMY MODEL. For what purpose I can't imagine, but I caught her in the lab staring at it!

→ -Ms. Konotko
Biology

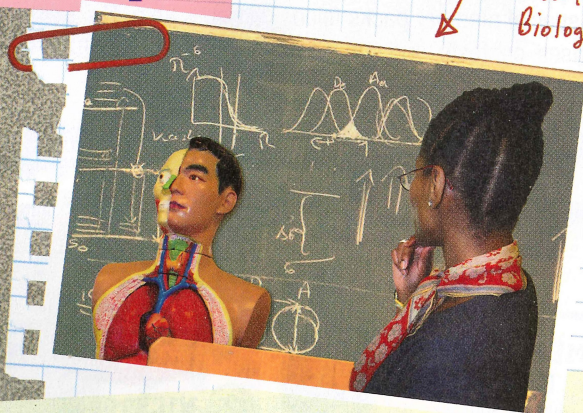
MS. RICTUS:

I RAN OUT OF THAT SECRET STUFF WE SPRAY ON THE CHALK BOARD TO GIVE IT THAT

BLOODCURDLING

SHRIEKY SOUND WHEN WE WRITE ON IT. DO YOU HAVE ANY TO SPARE?

-MR. TORQUE MADA
SCIENCE



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I look forward to seeing you **all** there.

Principal Russo

Principal Russo



GUESS
WHO!

I'm calling in sick that day.

I'm livin' the highlight!



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by David Lewman

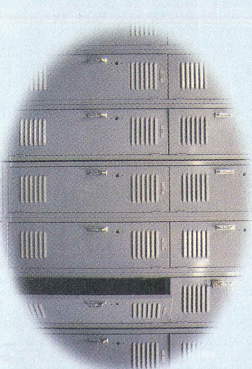
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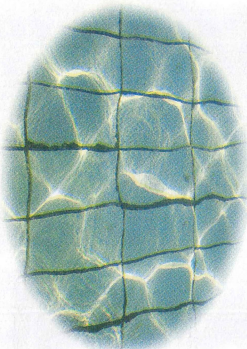


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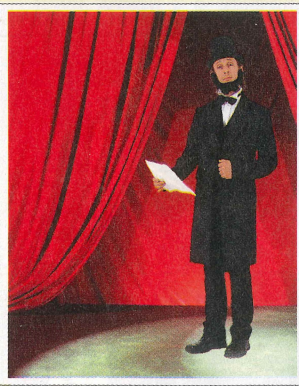
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noun



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Ask a friend or family member for the words to fill in the blanks below without showing the page to him or her. Then read it aloud.

When the last day of school dropped, I was so stoked that I _____
past-tense verb
 all over my textbooks. Then I dyed my hair _____
bright color
 my name on the classroom wall in _____
another bright color
 polka dots. But when _____
kid in your class
 suddenly came back into the room and caught me, I told
 him/her I was studying to become an art teacher. _____
same kid
 isn't

the sharpest _____
noun
 in the shed, and he/she actually believed me!

Overall, my summer was totally _____!
adjective
 No students, no tests to grade, no _____
lunch meat
 and _____
disgusting substance
 sandwiches from the cafeteria. Instead, I followed my dreams! I drove to Hollywood
 and auditioned for the role of _____
historical figure
 in the new _____
famous actor
 movie, but I didn't
 get the part. While I was there, I also auditioned for _____
nationality
Idol, but Simon told me I sounded like a
 sick _____
farm animal
 slowly being _____
verb ending in -ed
 with a dull _____
tool

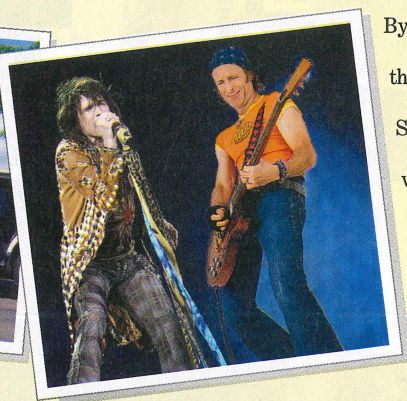
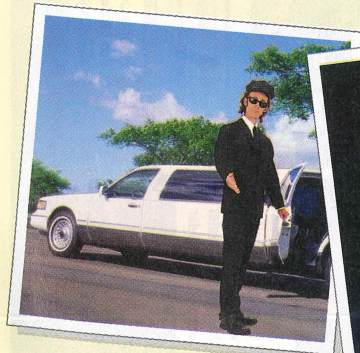
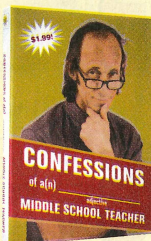
Needing money, I became _____
famous actress
 's chauffeur, but she fired me for accidentally igniting her

body part
 . Fortunately, though, she *did* write me a check for _____
number
 cents. I then headed for

kind of fish
 Lake, _____
state in the U.S.
 , where I performed with _____
singer
 at
 a Lollapalooza concert, but fans threw _____
vegetable (plural)
 at me. I threw them right back.

In New York, I submitted my book, *Confessions of a(n)* _____
adjective
Middle
School Teacher, to several publishers, but they all told me that it was way too _____
adjective

By then, I had forgotten
 that two plus two equals _____
number other than four
 So I headed home, and I couldn't
 wait for the first day of school.
 Those kids are gonna *pay* for
 my _____
adjective
 summer.



verb out, dude!

What's on Your Teacher's Desk?

More than you could have imagined.

Secret alarm button that makes the principal come for a "surprise" class visit

Chart of the teachers' betting pool that guesses which student will laugh first when the teacher says "Uranus"

Favorite CDs, including *Sensible Love Songs* and *The Multiplication Tables: Live in Concert*

List of who actually laughed first when the teacher said "Uranus"

Hidden compartment containing a personal stash of confiscated bubble gum

Chart that compares you with your other siblings

Extra-strength headache medicine

Punishment-a-Day calendar

Eye drops in the top drawer for the eyes in back of the teacher's head

Box of 2,567 purple pens...

...and 1 illegal red pen

Home movies of you as a naked baby that were shown at the last parent-teacher conference

Scale in the bottom drawer to make sure the total weight of books for tonight's homework is greater than an average third grader

Box of photos from happier times: washing the car, scrubbing the bathroom grout...

Favorite comic book hidden inside the teacher's edition workbook

And I'm the teacher's pet.

Cup of truth serum to use on students

Remote control to slow down the clock on the wall

Mind control gun

Files on all of the class's homework excuses so far



Grade Your Teacher

What will your new teachers be like this year? Will they be easy or tough, totally cool or really weird? You can find out by giving them the quiz below—but only at your own risk.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT TEST

FOR
TEACHERS
ONLY

SECTION A: CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1 You think that deodorant is:

- a. essential.
- b. a waste of time.
- c. one of these rappers kids are into nowadays.

2 When you have to pass gas, you:

- a. pretend you have to go outside for a second.
- b. stand next to your least favorite student.
- c. stand next to the class hamster.

3 Which of the following animals do you most identify with?

- a. A playful puppy
- b. A blood-sucking leech
- c. A great white shark



4 Your worst punishment is:

- a. a stern look.
- b. extra homework.
- c. not legal in the United States.



5 If your classroom were a TV show, it would be:

- a. *Friends*.
- b. *Law & Order*.
- c. *Survivor*.



6 You give homework:

- a. never.
- b. only on weekends when you know students have plans.
- c. every day, including holidays.

7 If you were to bring the class a snack, it would be:

- a. cupcakes.
- b. rice cakes.
- c. the day that pigs fly.

8 What do you say to get the class's attention?

- a. "I'll just wait till everyone is quiet."
- b. "C'mon, guys, listen up. Now!"
- c. "Last one to shut up spends a night in the hole."

SECTION B: CIRCLE Y FOR YES OR N FOR NO.

9 Y N Are you easily hypnotized?

10 Y N Do you talk about important things, like test answers, in your sleep?

11 Y N Do you agree that students retain more knowledge if class is held outside on a nice day?

12 Y N Gum in class?

13 Y N Can you be tricked into giving extra credit?

14 Y N Have you at any point sold your soul to the devil in exchange for the ability to read minds?



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TEACHER ASSESSMENT TEST: PAGE 2

SECTION C: PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING IN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES.

- 15 Name and describe your three favorite contestants from *Fear Factor* or *American Idol*.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- 16 Finish this sentence:
The best place to hide an answer key is...

- 17 Students can get an A in your class without doing any work if they do this one easy thing.
(Please be specific.)

- 18 Circle all of the following terms that you are familiar with. Then list their meanings.

DVD-R _____

NIN _____

LOL _____

TiVo _____

DS _____

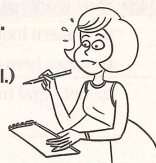
AIM _____

BFF _____

PSP _____

SECTION D: WRITE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 19 What were your most embarrassing moments ever? (Please describe in excruciating detail.)



- 20 What are some of the things you do or say that indicate you are about to give a pop quiz?

- 21 How will students know if information covered in class will be on the test?

- 22 What do you consider to be three valid excuses for getting out of a test or quiz?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS



AAA-Plus School Supplies

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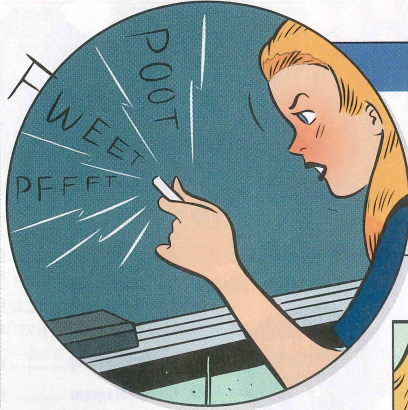
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Had it with the nerve-racking sound of chalk squeaking against the blackboard? Replace your teacher's chalk with Fart Chalk. It's a gas! It'll make your class laugh so hard that someone might actually fart. **\$23⁹⁹/doz.**



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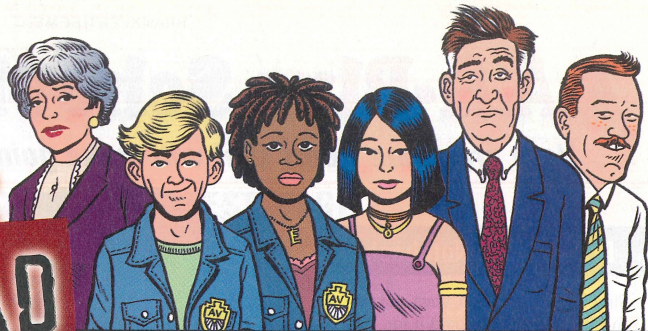
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THE CAST (above, left to right):

Vice-Principal Draca middle school vice-principal

Detective Danny "Drinking" Fountains gruff but lovable A.V. (Audio-Visual) Club cop and middle school student

Detective Edwina "The Blackboard Is Actually" Green lovable but gruff A.V. Club cop and middle school student

Teresa Touchyfeely sensitive middle school student

Mr. Circuitdiagram teacher and adviser to the A.V. Club

Mr. Gerund English teacher

ALSO
FEATURING:
Kid 1, Kid 2,
and the
Narrator*

*The Narrator can also read the stage directions.

It's nearly impossible to watch TV and not flip past an episode of *Law & Order* or one of the show's many spin-offs. If they ever do one that takes place at a school, we hope it's nothing like this! Read this script out loud—if you can stand the suspense.

Narrator: At Syndication Middle School, the Audio-Visual Club is represented by two equally important parties: the A.V. Club cops, who investigate A.V.-related crime, and Mr. Circuitdiagram, who does everything else for not much extra pay.

Narrator: (imitating the clunking sound heard between scenes on *Law & Order*) *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 10:06 AM, Syndication Middle School, the south hallway.

Two kids rush down an empty school hallway.

Kid 1: Oh, no, we're late for math class!

Kid 2: What do you mean, "Oh, no"?

They round the corner. On the floor is a videotape smashed to pieces.

Kid 2: *Eek!*

Kid 1: Wh-who would do such a thing?

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 10:22 AM, the crime scene.

Fountains: Witnesses say no one was around when they found the mangled tape.

Green: What video was it?

Fountains: It was a movie. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Aw, that's a real tearjerker.

Green: Yeah, and whoever tore up this tape was a real jerk.

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 11:02 AM, the Audio-Visual Club room.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: As adviser to the Audio-Visual Club, I order you to find the guilty party. Do you have any clues?

Fountains: No prints on the tape. But A.V. Forensics says the tape was cut up by a Weedwacker. Also, the tape was labeled PROPERTY OF MR. GERUND.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Interesting.

Green: We thought maybe we'd talk to Mr. Gerund.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Okay, go ahead and follow one of your crazy hunches!

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 12:00 noon, Mr. Gerund's desk.

Mr. Gerund: The tape's been destroyed? But I just watched it with my class last week! I had enjoyed watching students weep after we read the book, so I showed them the movie and hid the Kleenex. That tape was in such fine condition...

Fountains: Sorry for your loss. Do you know why someone would have



wanted this tape to come to harm?

Mr. Gerund: Well, Teresa Touchyfeely was sobbing so hard during the sad parts that she had to go to the nurse. Later, she vowed to destroy all copies of the movie.

Green: Everyone's a critic.

Fountains: Yeah. Sounds like we should talk to her before her next review.

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 1:17 PM, the locker of Teresa Touchyfeely.

Teresa: Look, I despise any movie where animal characters get hurt or die—even if no animals were harmed while filming it. I drove a steam-roller over fifty copies of *Old Yeller* last year. But I always *buy* the movies first. I wouldn't steal from Mr. Gerund. He's an okay guy. I even feel sorry for him—he's got that ear hair problem.

Fountains reaches into Teresa's locker and pulls out a Weedwacker.

Fountains: That's a nice sob story you're telling, Teresa. It would make a good screenplay. But I think your first act needs some revision.

Green: An important fact got *cut* from your story.

Teresa: All right! All right! I didn't do it, but take me in for questioning already. Just stop with the lame jokes!

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 2:15 PM, the Vice-Principal's office.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Ms. Vice-Principal, I shall prove that Teresa Touchyfeely destroyed this videotape. Teresa, have you ever seen this Weedwacker before?

Teresa: No. It just showed up in my locker today—but come to think of it, I saw Mr. Gerund trimming his ear hair with it *last week!*

Mr. Circuitdiagram: But you stole it from him and attacked the videotape this morning, *didn't you?*

Teresa: Um, no. I was at the orthodontist. Here's the note my mom wrote.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Oh.



Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Narrator: 2:30 PM, the same office.

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Mr. Gerund, because you are the only other suspect, I'm assuming you're guilty. Plus, I dislike you. *Ahem.* Did you destroy your own videotape, Mr. Gerund?

Mr. Gerund: Okay, it was me. But don't you see I was *forced* to do it? You're all so blind! That videocassette was twenty years old!

Mr. Circuitdiagram: Um...I don't see your point.

Mr. Gerund: All the audio-visual equipment in this school is ancient! If your annoying A.V. squad would just buy some new technology, instead of spending all its money on fancy badges, fingerprint-dusting kits, and forensics labs, maybe I could show a movie made after 1990! It's my goal to force the school to buy new supplies—by *destroying* the old supplies! *It's the only way!*

Vice-Principal Draca: I've heard enough. I hereby sentence the A.V. Club to close down its investigative unit and look into buying some technology made in the current century.

Ever heard of a DVD player, you guys?

Narrator: *Kadonk-donk.*

Vice-Principal Draca: And will someone please tell me what's making that sound?

Mr. Gerund: It's what drove me over the edge...that old VCR is so noisy, it could wake a napping student in the back row of my own class!

Fountains: Maybe you should have let that ear hair grow out. □



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Reel!</p>	<p>September is Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Explorers discover the sunken remains of the <i>Titanic</i>, 1985 Did they find it hard to fathom?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw begins in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin The chips will fall where they may.</p>	<p>3</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>Damon Wayans, actor, born, 1960 How much did he weyans?</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 Author #1</p> <p>Before becoming an author, Bruce Coville worked as a toy maker, gravedigger, and elementary school teacher.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The Internet search engine Google is founded, 1998 It was the little engine that could.</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>The American Bowling Congress is organized, 1895 You could have heard a pin drop.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The guillotine is used for the last time as a method of execution in France, 1977 Did it have any last words?</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton is appointed the first U.S. secretary of the treasury, 1789 They were banking on him to do a good job.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ben McKenzie, actor, born, 1978 OC you later.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Law & Order premieres, 1990 It's an arresting show.</p>	<p>14 Author #2</p> <p>The inspiration for Roald Dahl's book <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> was a candy shop in Wales, Roald's homeland.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>The Newport International Boat Show begins in Newport, Rhode Island What's knot to like about this?</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>The Great Peanut Tour begins in Skippers, Virginia Shouldn't it be in Skippy, Virginia?</p>
<p>18 Author #3</p> <p>Before he starts writing, Philip Pullman plans each page of his stories on yellow Post-it notes.</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Jackson County Apple Festival begins in Jackson County, Ohio Does it have a loyal core of fans?</p>	<p>21</p> <p>H.G. Wells, author of <i>War of the Worlds</i>, born, 1866 He was already here.</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Bruce Springsteen, musician, born, 1949 Baby, he was born to run.</p>	<p>24 Author #4</p> <p>The fictional town of Eyebanks in many of Sharon Creech's novels is based on the real town of Quincy, Kentucky.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Will Smith, actor, born, 1968 Did it go off without a hitch?</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Serena Williams, tennis player, born, 1981 She must have created quite a racket.</p>	<p>27 Author #5</p> <p>Eoin, the first name of Eoin Colfer, the author of <i>Artemis Fowl</i>, is an Irish name. It's pronounced "Owen."</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Se Ri Pak, golfer, born, 1977 A little birdie told us.</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>William Wrigley Jr., founder of the WmWrigley gum company, born, 1861 Chews wisely.</p>	<p>Macaroni</p> 



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INSIDE NICK

News From Nickelodeon | SEPTEMBER 2005

Real Fall for the New Season

There's a lot happening on Nick this season. Here's a taste of what's to come.

Drake & Josh

Catch It: Saturday nights

What's New: This season, Josh starts dating someone he wasn't too fond of in the past. Also, Drake makes his way onto MTV's *TRL* in the *Drake & Josh* TV movie, which airs later this year.

Insider Info: Just before their photo shoot for this issue's cover, Drake and Josh sat down with **David Lewman** for a chat.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How do you keep from laughing during a scene?

JOSH PECK: It's tough—I'm not good at it. [We shot a] scene where I have a piece of celery attached to my face with peanut butter. It literally took fifteen takes for me to stop laughing. I was a laughing machine.

DRAKE BELL: It's hard sometimes. You just have to let it out.

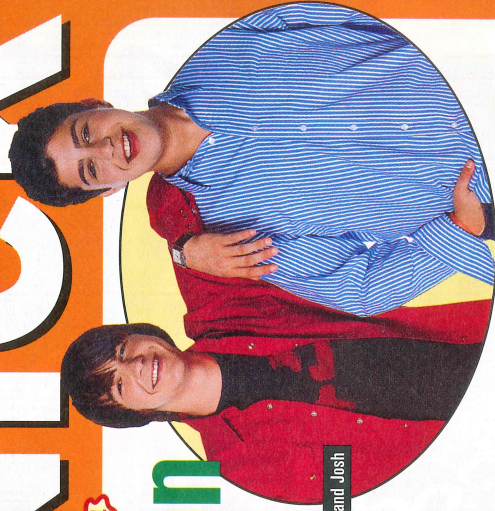
What's the biggest difference between you and your character on the show?

DRAKE: Dan [Schneider, the executive producer] wrote the characters for us when we were on *The Amanda Show*. So they're exaggerated versions of who we were then. My character is much too smooth to be me. I would *like* to be more like that.

JOSH: Josh Nichols is much more academic than I am.

Josh, in the new season, your former archenemy Mindy becomes your girlfriend. Has anything like that ever happened to you in real life?

JOSH: No. But I'm still pretty young, so if my dating career continues, there could definitely be a chance of that happening. And opposites attract, so who knows?



Drake and Josh

[almost] every scene together. We get there at seven in the morning, and we're working when we get there. It's much more hectic. On the movie set, there's a lot of time just hanging out, sitting around.

What's the best thing about working with Josh?

DRAKE: He's funny and he's always professional. You never have to wait for Josh to remember his line. He's always one-hundred percent.

What's the worst thing about working with Josh?

DRAKE: He's so good at memorizing his lines that he can tease me a bit.

What's the best thing about working with Drake?

JOSH: His car, because he gives me rides and I look cool in it.

What's the worst thing about working with Drake?

JOSH: His car, because a lot of girls who would come over to me go over to him. □



What do you do in your free time?

JOSH: I swim a lot and I watch DVDs. I also go to New York to see my friends.

DRAKE: I'm so exhausted when I get home, so I hang out, watch TV, and relax. But I do work on music a lot at my studio.

Drake, you're currently shooting the upcoming movie *Yours, Mine & Ours* (page 76). How is that different from working on a TV show?

DRAKE: On the show, Josh and I are in



It's all about *sale*.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Jack De Sema, Christina Kirkman, Lisa Foiles, Kianna Underwood, Kyle Sullivan, Chelsea Brummet, Ryan Coleman, Denzel Whitaker.

All That

Catch It: Saturday nights

What's New: New sketches this season include Filthy Chef and Jeff Bester Safety Tester.

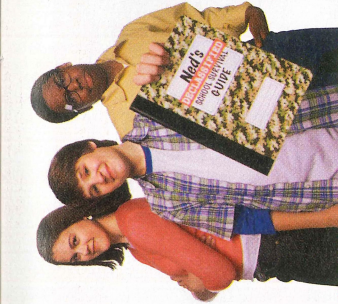
Insider Info: Both Kyle Sullivan and Lisa Foiles have appeared on *Malcolm in the Middle*: Kyle in the recurring role of Dabney Hooper and Lisa as the female version of Malcolm.

Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide

Catch It: Saturday nights

What's New: Ned is still after Suzie Crabgrass, but he and Moze might be more than friends.

Insider Info: Daran Norris, who plays Gordy the Janitor, also voices Cosmo and Timmy on *The Fairly OddParents*.



Zoey 101

Catch It: Sunday nights

What's New: Zoey and Nicole move into a new room and meet Lola, their new roommate.

Chase still has a thing for Zoey, but that won't stop him from running against her for class president.

Insider Info: Alexa Nikolas, who plays Nicole, and Victoria Justice, who plays Lola, love to sing Gwen Stefani songs at the top of their lungs.

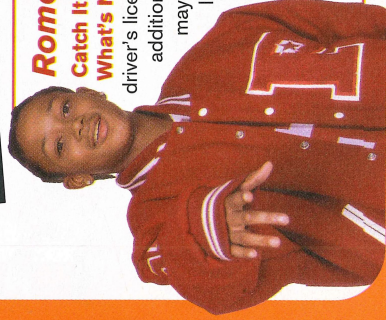


Romeo!

Catch It: Sunday nights

What's New: Romeo gets his driver's license and there is a new addition to his family. The band may also add a member and love is in the air for Louis.

Insider Info: Zachary Isaiah Williams, who plays Gary, started a business selling temporary tattoos to *Romeo!* crew members.



Unfabulous

Catch It: Sunday nights

What's New: Addie's parents add a new room on to the house, Zach becomes a basketball star at school, and Addie has a new flame.

Insider Info: Emma Roberts (above), who plays Addie, is a big prankster on the *Unfabulous* set: She makes crank calls to cast members and tapes notes to the backs of people's shirts.

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My Life as a Teenage Robot

Catch It: Friday nights

What's New: Brad has a new crush, Jenny might be done with school for good, Sheldon does some space exploration, and Killgore the robot makes a return appearance.

Insider Info: The static on TV during the opening theme song is actually hundreds of tiny Jenny heads moving around the screen.



Danny Phantom

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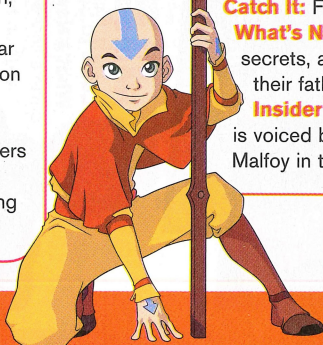
Friday nights

What's New:

Danny faces new ghosts, including a little pirate named Youngblood.

Look Out For: "The Ultimate Enemy," a one-hour special in September

Insider Info: Mr. Lancer, a teacher at Casper High, is actually named after Lancer's coffee shop near the Nickelodeon Animation Studio. Butch Hartman (the show's creator) and the *Danny Phantom* writers used to hang out there when they started working on the show.



Avatar: The Last Airbender

Catch It: Friday nights

What's New: Aang (left) learns some Firebending

secrets, and Katara and Sokka find out new facts about their father.

Insider Info: Admiral Zhao, who is in pursuit of Aang, is voiced by Jason Isaacs, the actor who plays Lucius Malfoy in the *Harry Potter* movies.

SpongeBob SquarePants

Catch It: Friday nights

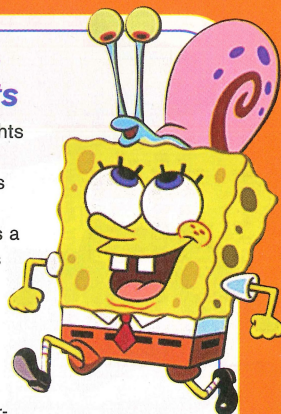
What's New:

SpongeBob tries his hand at filmmaking, the Krusty Krab gets a makeover, Mr. Krabs belts out some tunes, and Plankton falls in love.

Look Out For:

"Have You Seen This Snail?," an hour-long episode in November.

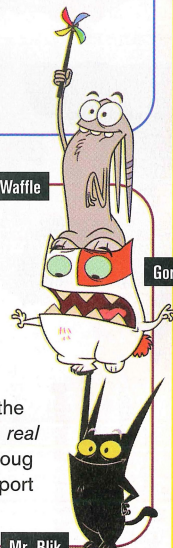
Insider Info: Amy Poehler, who played Mrs. George in *Mean Girls* and is a cast member on *Saturday Night Live*, is the voice of Granny in the episode.



Waffle

Gordon

Mr. Blink



Catscratch

Catch It: Friday nights

What's New: Some interesting information about the cats' owner, Miss Cramdilly, comes to light and the feline trio encounters aliens, zombies, robots, and more!

Insider Info: On the show, Gordon is the big cat who loves Human Kimberly. The *real* Gordon lived with *Catscratch* creator Doug TenNapel's uncle, a police chief in Newport Beach, California.



Show dates are subject to change.

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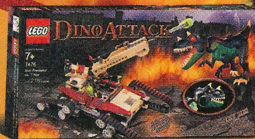
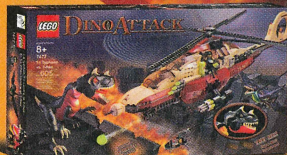


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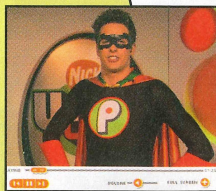
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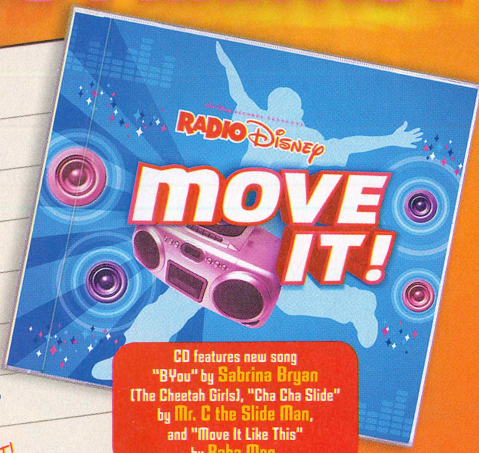
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Let's Just Play: On the Move



David Beckham—the most famous soccer player in the world—plays for England's national team as well as for Real Madrid in Spain. He recently opened the David Beckham Academy, a soccer facility for kids in Los Angeles and London. We kicked some questions his way.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: When you were a kid, what games did you play outside?

DAVID BECKHAM: Soccer was the only game I ever wanted to play—and ever did play, really. Every time people asked me what I wanted to do, it was always, “I want to be a soccer player.”

How old were you when you first played soccer?

I was probably six or seven.

Whom did you play with?

Just with friends in the neighborhood, and my father. I'm sure I used to annoy him, but every day—afternoon and evening—we played soccer. And then when I was about eight years old, I joined a team called the Ridgeway Rovers.

Do you play soccer now even when you have a day off?

Yes. I play with my kids because that's all they ever want to do as well. They sleep in their soccer uniforms—they even sleep in their soccer shoes.

You recently opened the David Beckham Academy. What is it all about?

I went to a soccer school when I was ten years old, and it has always been my dream to have an academy [for kids to learn and play soccer]. Now I'm in a lucky position where I can open one. It's not all about finding the best kids, the best soccer players. If that happens, then great, but it's more about kids having fun. □

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On the Way Up



Singer **Ryan Cabrera** has been on the music scene for only a few years, but the 23-year-old has already had his share of hits. This fall, he'll even be hosting a reality dating show called **Score**. **Lauren Berger** chatted with Ryan about his career, his first guitar, and most importantly, his hair.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Did you always want to be a singer?

RYAN CABRERA: No, I wanted to play the guitar. But the guys in my band told me I was the singer, and it was three against one. At the time I was horrible, but I worked really hard to get better.

Do you play any instruments besides the guitar?

I play the drums and the bass.

You're a huge Dave Matthews fan. Have you ever met him?

Yes. It was at the Grammy Awards three years ago. I shook his hand and asked if he would take a picture with me, and he did. My smile was so big that it looks like I slept with a hanger in my mouth.

Who are your other favorite musicians?

I love Maroon 5, Sting, Avril Lavigne, and the Killers. I'm also a big Hanson fan, actually—I don't care what anybody says!

Do you ever forget the words to a song during a show?

Every night! Sometimes I look into the crowd and I see someone mouthing the words, and I know they are right and that I'm not.

Do you still have your first guitar?

My cousin has it in Miami. It's just this old, beaten-up guitar, and he won't give it back to me! I sold it to him for fifty dollars, and now I'm like, "Give it back," but he won't.

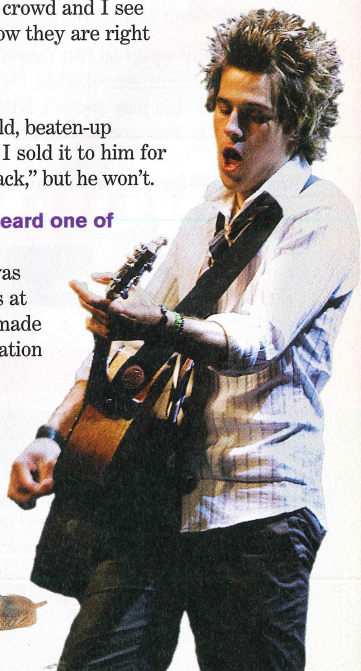
Where were you the first time you heard one of your songs on the radio?

I was in my car in Los Angeles, and I was flipping out and yelling out the windows at everybody, saying "That's my song!" I made the people in the next car turn to the station I was on.

How long do you spend on your hair every day?

[laughs] It depends. I usually wear a hat now. But if I do my hair, it takes ten to fifteen minutes. I'm going to do something different for the next record, and it's going to be a shock! ☐

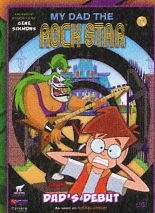
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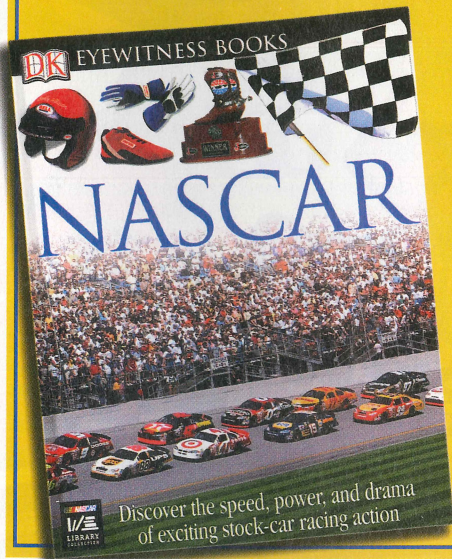


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The Results Are In

Say What? Winners Real

from the April issue



Man speaking: There's Jim talking into his imaginary phone again.

Man thinking: E.T., you there? E.T.?

Andrew P., age 12

Wadsworth, Ohio



Please phone home.

Man speaking: Let's see if the new guy can find the bathroom this time.

Man thinking: Think, what would Spock do?

Sage S., age 11

Arcata, California

Man speaking: Hey, guys, remember when Ron was wearing his underwear on the outside of his uniform?

Man thinking: Oh, no, not that again.

Molly S., age 14

Tacoma, Washington

Man speaking: Hey, we put itching powder on your cards.

Man thinking: Yeah, well, I replaced the oxygen in your tanks with laughing gas.

Tony F., age 13

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Man speaking: Hey, Bob, why don't you call up your "date" to come play cards with us?

Man thinking: You take your grandmother to the prom one time, and nobody will let you forget it!

Haley B., age 13

Morgantown, Kentucky

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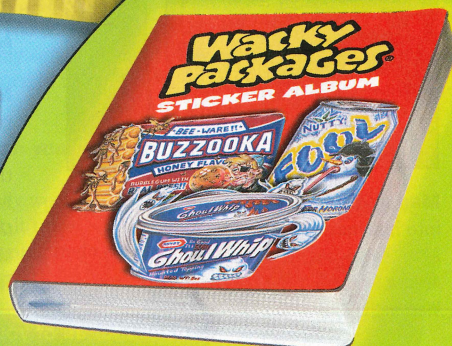
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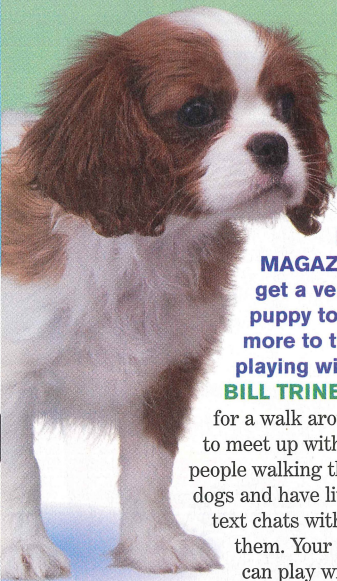
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Gym on a Shoestring

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Digi-Dogs

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: In *Nintendogs*, you get a very realistically behaving puppy to take care of. Is there more to the game than just playing with your dog?

BILL TRINEN: You can take your dog for a walk around town, which allows you to meet up with people walking their dogs and have little text chats with them. Your dog can play with their dogs and you can go to the park.

LESLIE SWAN: There are also three contests you can compete

in if your dog has learned some basic tricks: an obedience trial, an agility trial, and a flying disk competition.

How can you tell if you're a terrible dog owner?

NATE BIHLTORFF: Your dog probably won't pay very good attention to you—won't obey your commands. It might even run away, though it will come back, eventually. You can click on your dog's image at any time to see its

condition—if its coat is dirty, if it's hungry or thirsty.



WHAT A FETCHING CREW: Bill, Leslie, and Nate (from left to right) and three of their digital *Nintendogs* puppies.

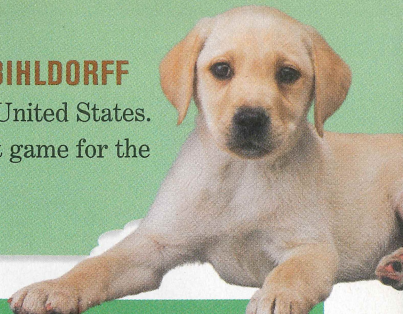
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Nintendo employees **BILL TRINEN, LESLIE SWAN,** and **NATE BIHLTORFF** take video games developed in Japan and translate them for the United States. We begged them for answers about Nintendogs, a new virtual pet game for the Nintendo DS that they worked on. **by Matthew Hawkins**



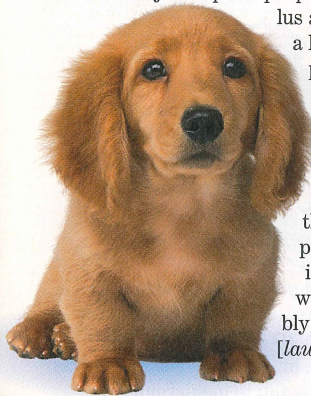
So...do Nintendogs poop?

LESLIE: Yes, they mark their territory and they poop.

NATE: You just tap the poop with your stylus and it'll go into a little brown paper bag.

LESLIE: So it's the easiest cleanup ever!

NATE: But if you don't do that, the next person you run into on your walk will probably let you have it. [laughs] □



What to Do With Your Nintendogs Puppy



- Play with it at home or in the park (left).
- Teach it tricks. (The puppy will respond to your voice commands.)
- Feed it, bathe it, walk it, and pet it.
- Enter it in competitions testing its obedience and agility. (Any money you win can be used to buy puppy toys, treats, shampoo, or funny clothes—or you can return to the kennel and buy more dogs.)
- If you have Nintendogs in wireless mode and you pass within 100 feet of someone who has the same, both DSs will bark. You'll each see your dog playing with the other person's dog and you'll hear a special message from that dog owner.

Uh-oh, I'm being outmated.



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To Sketch a Thief

DEV MADAN is the art director for the Sly Cooper games. He and his team created all the characters and environments, including those in the new PS2 game Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves. **Scott Steinberg** stole a few minutes of Dev's time to talk about the sneaky raccoon.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How do you go about creating characters for the Sly Cooper games?

DEV MADAN: It starts with a group of us brainstorming ideas. First, we figure out a personality. Then we think of an animal that represents it. Slick and sleek—that's what you picture when you think of a fox, hence Carmelita. Big and oafish—that's Murray the hippo. After we've [drawn] the characters on paper, we re-create them on a computer and animate them.

What was the inspiration for Sly, Bentley, and Murray?

The thought of a raccoon putting on a mask just made us laugh. And we basically invented Bentley and Murray to make Sly look good. Murray is a big, lovable oaf and Bentley is a bookworm. They reinforce how slick Sly is.

Did Sly's appearance go through many changes?

Yes. I've got a huge folder full of drawings. People [from Sony] all over the world wanted to see different things from the character. Japan wanted him to be cute. The Europeans wanted him to be dark and edgy. America wanted someone who was cool. Like I said, I have a lot of drawings.



THE LONG ARMS OF THE LAW: This scene of a giant Carmelita on a rampage is one of Dev's favorites in Sly 3.



A CHANGE OF ART: Dev sent us these sketches showing a front and back view of an earlier version of Sly.

How different did he look before?

He was everything from a running pillow to an alien. With each new version, he also underwent a personality change.

Did you have to wear 3D glasses while working on the 3D levels of Sly 3?

No, but some people did. It was fun to look around our offices while they were working on the game. They kept bumping into things.

Are you good at playing video games?

I'm all right, but I take longer than most to finish. I can't stop looking at all the pretty pictures! But can you blame me? That's what I do for a living. □

The Sly 3 Story

Sly learns of a vault that holds the Cooper family fortune, but by the time he locates it on a remote island, the evil Doctor M has beaten him to it. Sly must recruit a team of superthieves to get it back. Parts of the game are in 3D, and a pair of 3D glasses comes with each game.

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It Doesn't Ad Up (page 30): 1—The house supposedly has "380° views," but 360° makes a full circle. 2—The Welcome Dog wears a sign that says GO AWAY. 3—The word *salied* is misspelled as *soiled*. 4—Since the "whole live lobster" is "previously frozen," it can no longer be live. 5—"Five issues for the price of six" means that five issues cost more than normal. 6—The main ingredient in the Apple Rings is pineapple, not apple. 7—The ad brags that the camera case "holds all cameras small enough to fit," which is true for any camera case.

Get to the Bottom of Spit (page 54): The spitballer is Stella Stooley herself. What a weirdo!

You've Got Percy Nality (page 57): **Math**—Juan Toothy; **Science**—Mike Roskope; **Spelling**—Dick Shunnery; **Music**—Clara Nett; **Cooking**—Barbie Kew; **Phys Ed**—Jim Nastix; **Criminal Justice**—Laura Norder; **English**—Reed Enright; **Chorus**—Barry Tone; **Gardening**—Dan Delyon.

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Are you taking a tone with me?

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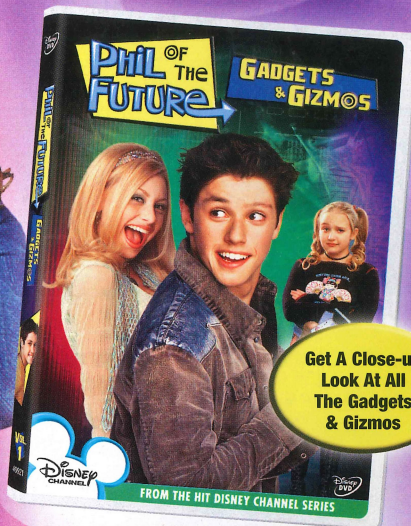


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